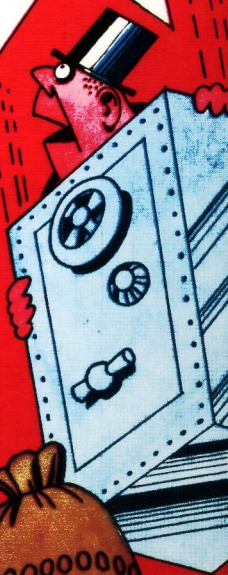


# THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

WHAT  
ACTUALLY  
HAPPENED?





**CALLING  
EVERYONE!**

**CALLING EVERYONE!**



**CALLING  
EVERYONE!**

**SOCIALIST CIVILISATION...**

**BORN  
1917...**



THE CREATION OF THE WORLD'S FIRST  
EVER SOCIALIST STATE OPENED UP  
THE WAY FOR ALL PEOPLE TO  
BUILD A NEW, TRULY  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

THERE WAS  
NO REVOLUTION AT ALL !  
LENIN SIMPLY TOOK HIS  
REVENGE ON THE TSAR  
FOR EXECUTING HIS  
BROTHER !

... RUSSIA IS LOST !  
THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE  
DROWNED HER  
IN BLOOD !



THE GREAT OCTOBER  
SOCIALIST REVOLUTION SAVED  
RUSSIA FROM ECONOMIC AND  
NATIONAL DISASTER.

YOU WANT TO READ  
ALL THE LITERATURE THERE  
IS ABOUT THE RUSSIAN  
REVOLUTION ?

A WHOLE LIFETIME  
WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH.  
THERE ARE HUNDREDS  
OF BOOKS ON THE REVOLUTION.  
THE REVOLUTION'S  
FRIENDS AND ITS ENEMIES  
WROTE ABOUT IT.

**WHAT  
ACTUALLY  
HAPPENED  
IN RUSSIA  
IN 1917?**

A SAVOURY DETAIL:  
THE FIRST THING THE SOVIETS  
DID IN 1917 WAS TO NATIONALISE  
THE WOMEN !



HOW DID  
THE 300-YEAR-OLD  
ROMANOV DYNASTY  
FALL?

WHO CAME  
TO POWER  
IN 1917?

HOW WAS  
THE CROWN TORN  
OFF THE LAST  
RUSSIAN TSAR?

HOW MANY  
REVOLUTIONS  
WERE THERE  
IN 1917?

WHAT HELPED  
BOLSHEVIKS TRIUMPH  
OVER  
BRITISH TANKS?

HOW THE WORLD

# THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION

WAS SPLIT IN TWO,  
AND MUCH ELSE —  
HERE IS A BOOK  
TO TELL YOU  
ABOUT IT.

WHAT  
ACTUALLY  
HAPPENED



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**Apart from an extraordinary  
acceleration of world history,  
it was also necessary  
that history make particularly abrupt turns,  
in order that at one such turn  
the filthy and blood-stained cart  
of the Romanov monarchy  
should be overturned at one stroke.**

**V. I. Lenin**



1917





ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 2, 1917,  
NICHOLAS II, THE LAST EMPEROR  
OF RUSSIA, WHO HAD RULED FOR  
23 YEARS, ABDICATED...

**THE ABRUPT  
TURN IN HISTORY  
THAT CAUSED  
THE CART OF RUSSIAN  
AUTOCRACY  
TO TIP OVER WAS  
THE FIRST  
WORLD WAR.**

DURING THE FIRST  
WORLD WAR, ENTIRE REGIONS  
OF EUROPE, INCLUDING  
WESTERN RUSSIA,  
WERE TURNED  
INTO DESERTS.

**9.5 MILLION**  
PEOPLE WERE KILLED  
OR FATALLY WOUNDED

**20 MILLION**  
WERE WOUNDED

**3.5 MILLION**  
PERMANENT  
INVALIDS



SOME SERBIAN STUDENT  
SHOT AN AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN  
ARCHDUKE IN SARAJEVO -  
AND THAT STARTED  
IT OFF...

WHY THIS  
WORLD-WIDE  
SLAUGHTER STARTED?

AND WE'RE ALL  
FIGHTING BECAUSE OF  
SOME ARCHDUKE?  
IMPOSSIBLE!



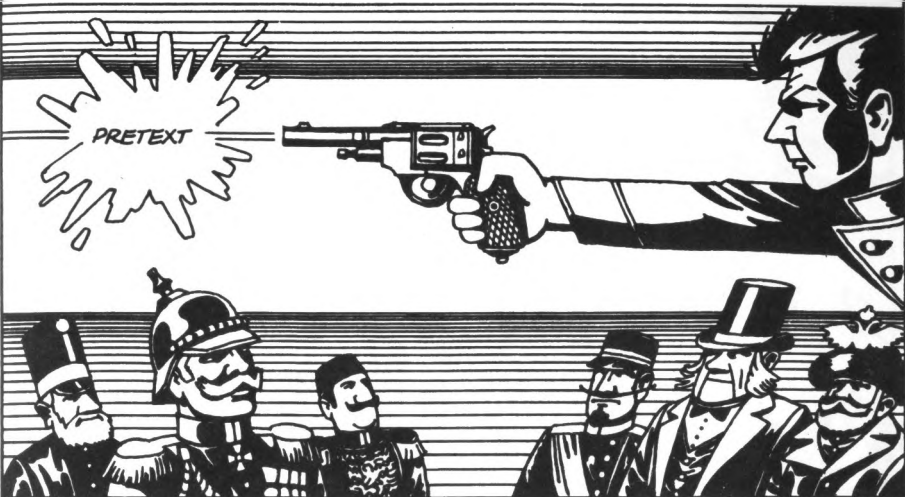
MANY TESTIMONIES AND OPINIONS  
CONCERNING THE SARAJEVO ASSASSINATION REMAIN,  
INCLUDING...

NO DOUBT THEY SHOT  
THE ARCHDUKE WITH  
A GOLD PISTOL!

NO GOOD CAN COME FROM  
THESE "SCHOLARS"!  
HIS FIRST SHOT  
WENT HOME!

WHAT A PITY MY PISTOL  
DOESN'T WORK!

THE ASSASSINATION OF ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND, HEIR TO THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN THRONE, ON JUNE 15 (28), 1914, IN SARAJEVO WAS MERELY A PRETEXT FOR UNLEASHING THE FIRST WORLD WAR.



JUST A MATCH WAS NEEDED TO LIGHT THE FIRE ALL OVER THE WORLD, A MATCH THAT HAPPENED TO BE IN THE HANDS OF A SERBIAN STUDENT. THE REAL REASON FOR THE WAR, HOWEVER, WAS THE DESIRE OF THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED CAPITALIST STATES TO REDIVIDE THE WORLD.

DO WE HAVE  
TO SPILL BLOOD BECAUSE  
OF SOME STUDENT?

NO, THE THING IS THAT  
THE CAPITALISTS WANT  
TO MAKE MONEY  
ON THE WAR.

RECRUITING  
OFFICE

TO THE FRONT

## GERMAN COALITION

GERMANY

AUSTRIA - HUNGARY

TURKEY

THEY ARE  
RUSHING  
TO REDIVIDE  
THE WORLD  
AS THEY WISH

## THE ENTENTE

GREAT BRITAIN

FRANCE

RUSSIA

THE WORLD WAR, LIKE ANY SUCH HISTORICAL EVENT, RESEMBLED AN ICEBERG. ONLY PRETEXTS APPEARED ON THE SURFACE, WHILE THE DEEP REASONS WERE HIDDEN BENEATH THE WAVES.

THE MAIN CAUSE FOR THE WAR WAS THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN GERMAN AND BRITISH CAPITAL.



AT THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR, MEN CALLED TO ARMS:

**THE ENTENTE - 10,119,000:**

RUSSIA - 5,338,000  
GREAT BRITAIN - 1,000,000  
FRANCE - 3,781,000

**GERMAN COALITION - 7,922,000:**

GERMANY - 3,822,000  
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY -  
- 2,300,000  
TURKEY - 1,800,000

MY INCOME  
HAS GONE UP  
SIX-FOLD!

AND MINE  
FIVE-FOLD!

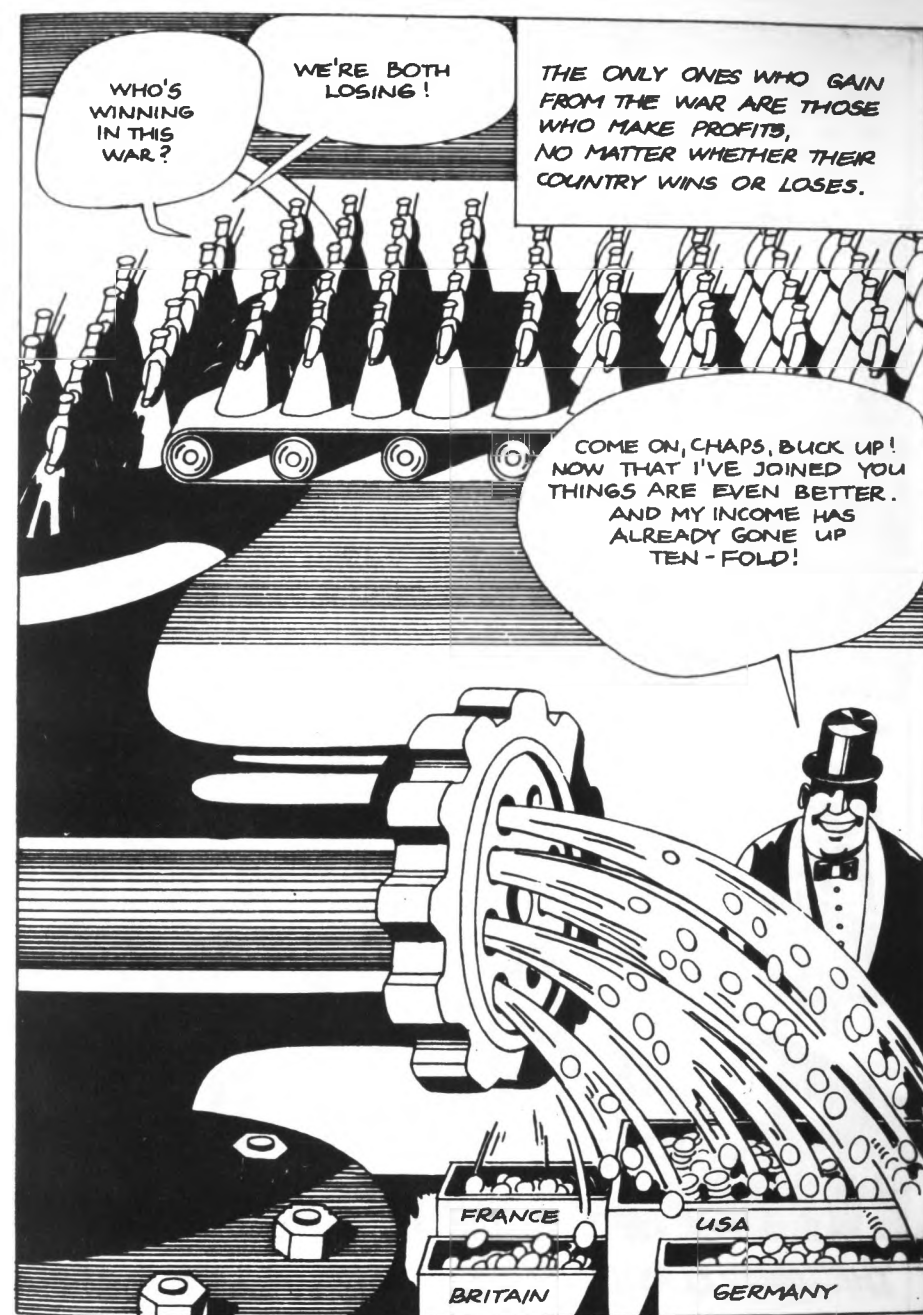
AND I HAVEN'T  
EVEN COUNTED  
YET!

GERMANY

FRANCE

BRITAIN

38 STATES WITH A POPULATION OF 1.5 BILLION PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED IN THE WAR. DOZENS OF MILLIONS TOOK PART IN THE SLAUGHTER. THE USA ENTERED THE WAR LATER THAN THE OTHER COUNTRIES, WITH ONLY SMALL FORCES, BUT REAPED THE BIGGEST PROFITS.



WHY DID  
THE REVOLUTION  
TAKE PLACE  
PRECISELY  
IN RUSSIA ?

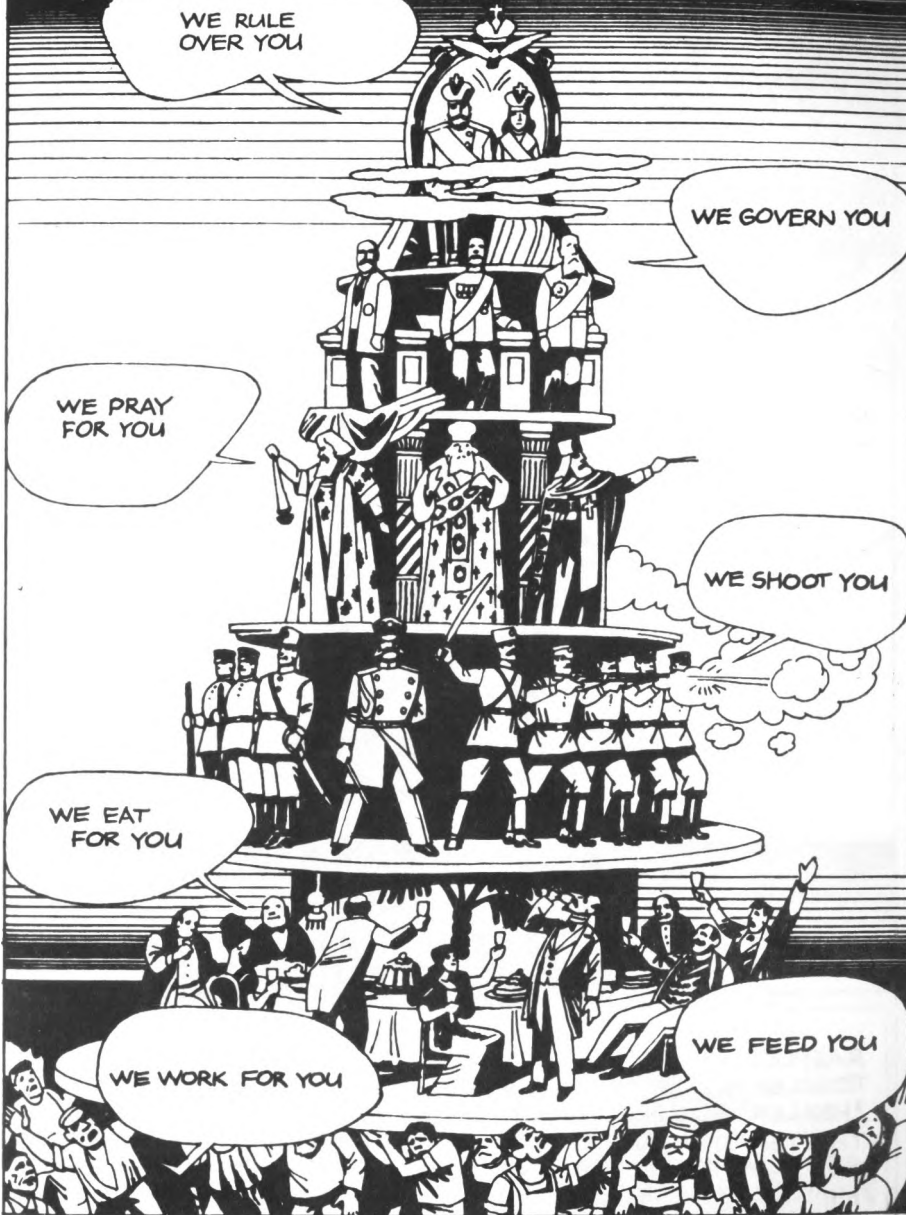
BY THE BEGINNING  
OF THE 20TH CENTURY,  
RUSSIA HAD BECOME THE  
CENTRE OF THE WORLD REVOLU-  
TIONARY MOVEMENT. AT THE SAME  
TIME, SHE WAS THE WEAKEST  
LINK IN THE CHAIN OF THE DEVELOPED  
CAPITALIST STATES, WHERE SOCIAL  
AND OTHER CONTRADICTIONS WERE  
SHARPEST. THE MOST ACUTE  
REVOLUTIONARY SITUATION  
HAD TAKEN SHAPE  
WHEN ...

IN 1911, 105,000 RUSSIAN WORKERS  
WENT ON STRIKE  
IN 1912 - OVER A MILLION  
IN JUST THE FIRST SIX MONTHS  
OF 1914 - 1,337,000  
IN JUST THE FIRST MONTH  
OF 1917 - 270,000

THE NEW  
REVOLUTIONARY  
FORCE, THE  
PROLETARIAT,  
GREW AND GAINED  
STRENGTH  
IN RUSSIA



THE "LOWER CLASSES" DO NOT WANT TO LIVE IN THE OLD WAY..



WE RULE  
OVER YOU

WE GOVERN YOU

WE PRAY  
FOR YOU

WE SHOOT YOU

WE EAT  
FOR YOU

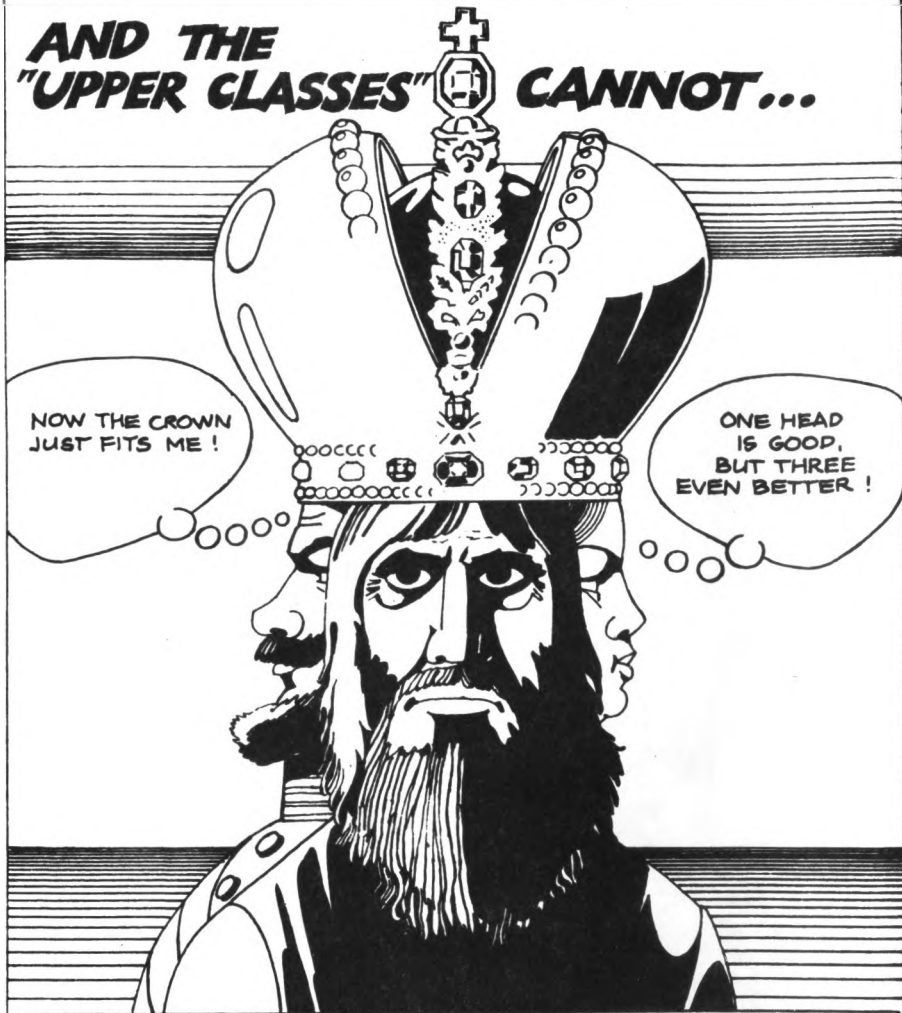
WE WORK FOR YOU

WE FEED YOU

THE WORKERS, THE RURAL POOR, AND THE MIDDLE  
PEASANTS MADE UP 80 PER CENT OF RUSSIA'S POPULATION.



# AND THE "UPPER CLASSES" CANNOT...



RASPUTIN, GRIGORY EFIMOVICH /B.1872/. A PEASANT FROM THE TOBOLSK GUBERNIYA WHO MADE PROPHECIES. AS "SEER" AND "HEALER" ACQUIRED AN UNLIMITED INFLUENCE OVER THE TSAR, THE TSARITSA AND THEIR COURT. INTERFERED IN AFFAIRS OF STATE. IN 1916, ASSASSINATED BY MONARCHISTS, WHO HELD HIM RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE ILLS OF THE RUSSIAN STATE.



# ...CARRY ON IN THE OLD WAY

THE SHIP OF RUSSIAN AUTOCRACY WAS SAILING THROUGH A SEA OF CONTRADICTIONS TO ITS FINAL MOORAGE.

WHAT  
A LOVELY  
SUNSET !

THE SUNSET  
OF THE RUSSIAN  
AUTOCRACY

MILITARY  
OUTLAYS  
GROWING

INFLATION

DEPENDENCE  
ON FOREIGN  
CAPITAL

THE PASSENGERS SEEM  
NOT TO REALISE THAT  
THE SHIP IS GOING  
TO SINK !

BUT WE  
UNDERSTAND THAT  
THE AUTOCRACY IS  
DOOMED. AND THERE  
ARE PLENTY OF US !

THE AGONY  
OF  
GOVERNMENT

IN 30 MONTHS ( AUGUST 1914  
TO FEBRUARY 1917 ) 4 CHAIRMEN  
OF THE COUNCIL OF MINIS-  
TERS, 6 MINISTERS OF THE  
INTERIOR AND 4 WAR  
MINISTERS WERE  
REPLACED

AUGUST  
1914

FEBRUARY  
1917

OPPOSITION

THE BIGGEST AND MOST  
INFLUENTIAL BOURGEOIS PARTIES  
IN RUSSIA

THE CONSTITUTIONAL-  
DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

**CADETS.**

THE CHIEF PARTY OF THE LIBERAL  
MONARCHIST BOURGEOISIE

THE **TRUDOVIK**  
(LABOUR) GROUP.

EXPRESSED THE INTERESTS  
OF THE RUSSIAN  
RURAL BOURGEOISIE

THE "PROGRESSIVE" PARTY.  
**PROGRESSISTS.**  
THE NATIONAL-LIBERAL  
PARTY  
OF THE BIG  
BOURGEOISIE

SOCIALIST-REVOLUTIONARIES.  
**SRS.**

BIG PETTY-BOURGEOIS PARTY  
IN RUSSIA, EXPRESSING THE  
INTERESTS OF THE PETTY URBAN  
AND RURAL BOURGEOISIE

MONARCHY  
PLUS  
A PARLIAMENT !

UP  
WITH AGRARIAN  
REFORM !

TO THE FLOURISHING  
OF BIG CAPITAL  
AND STRENGTHENING  
OF THE MONOPOLIES !

LET'S  
UNITE IN  
COOPERATIVES !



**CADETS**

**SRS**

**PROGRESSISTS**

**TRUDOVIKS**

WHAT GOOD IS OUR  
OPPOSITION ?  
IT DOESN'T SEEM TO THINK  
THE TSAR IS IN ITS WAY  
AT ALL !

I SEE NO PARTY  
IN RUSSIA  
CAPABLE OF CARRYING  
OUT A REVOLUTION !



BACK IN 1895, **LENIN** HAD SET UP THE LEAGUE OF STRUGGLE  
FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE WORKING CLASS.  
THREE YEARS LATER, THE RUSSIAN SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC  
LABOUR PARTY (RSDLP) WAS FORMED, WHICH PRODUCED  
**BOLSHEVIKS**

**THERE  
IS SUCH  
A PARTY!**

... IN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST AUTOCRACY, THE STRUGGLE  
AGAINST THE BOURGEOISIE OF RUSSIA AS  
A WHOLE, WE MUST ACT AS A SINGLE AND  
CENTRALISED MILITANT ORGANISATION,  
HAVE BEHIND US THE WHOLE OF  
THE PROLETARIAT, WITHOUT  
DISTINCTION OF LANGUAGE  
OR NATIONALITY...





**BOLSHEVIKS...** OVER THE YEARS, THE ENEMIES  
OF COMMUNISM HAVE ACCUSED THEM OF ALL POSSIBLE SINS.

**1917.  
RUSSIA**



THE RUSSIAN BOURGEOIS PRESS:  
"THE BOLSHEVIK CALLS FOR UPRISING  
AND ANARCHY ARE CRIMINAL...  
SUCH PROPAGANDA  
SHOULD BE ROOTED OUT."



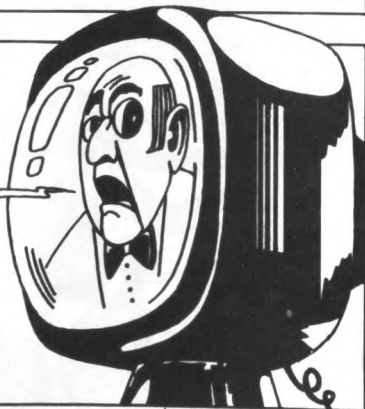
**1939.  
FASCIST  
GERMANY**

"WE, THE CHILDREN  
OF THE FÜHRER,  
WILL SAVE EUROPE  
FROM THE BOLSHEVIK  
INFECTION."



**1985.  
USA**

"THE CHIEF  
THREAT TO PEACE  
IS THE BOLSHEVIK  
THREAT!"



# WHAT DOES THE WORD **BOLSHEVIK** MEAN?

THE IDEA OF BOLSHEVISM AROSE IN 1903 AT THE 2ND CONGRESS OF THE RSDLP DURING THE ELECTIONS TO THE PARTY'S LEADING BODIES, WHEN LENIN'S SUPPORTERS MADE UP THE MAJORITY (BOLSHEVIKS), WHILE THE OPPORTUNISTS WERE IN THE MINORITY (MENSHEVIKS).

# WHOM DID THE BOLSHEVIKS REPRESENT?

THEY REPRESENTED THE RUSSIAN PROLETARIAT  
AND THE POOREST PEASANTRY.

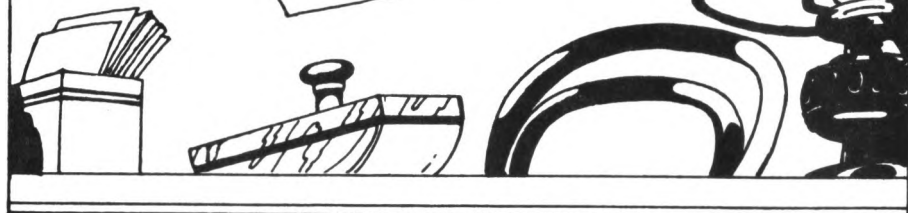


**OVERTHROW  
OF THE AUTOCRACY**

**A SOCIALIST  
REVOLUTION**

GIVE US AN ORGANISATION  
OF REVOLUTIONARIES, AND  
WE WILL OVERTURN RUSSIA.

V.I. LENIN



LENIN'S WORDS PROVED PROPHETIC. THE BOLSHEVIKS  
AROUSED THE MASSES TO ACTIVE POLITICAL LIFE. THEIR WORK  
WAS MULTIFACETED AND ALL-EMBRACING...

## **LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS, SPEECHES...**

**IN FACTORY  
YARDS...**



## ON VILLAGE GREENS...



## IN BARRACKS, IN THE TRENCHES, AT THE FRONT...



WE CAME DOWN TO THE FRONT...  
WHERE GAUNT AND BOOTLESS MEN  
SICKENED IN THE MUD OF DESPERATE  
TRENCHES; AND WHEN THEY SAW US  
THEY STARTED UP, WITH THEIR PINCHED  
FACES AND THE FLESH SHOWING BLUE  
THROUGH THEIR TORN CLOTHING,  
DEMANDING EAGERLY "DID YOU BRING  
ANYTHING TO READ?"

JOHN REED, ONE OF THE GREAT  
JOURNALISTS OF THE 20TH  
CENTURY, WHO SAW THE  
REVOLUTIONARY EVENTS IN  
RUSSIA FIRST HAND.

THIS IS THE TESTIMONY OF THE AMERICAN JOHN REED

THEY (THE BOLSHEVIKS) TOOK THE  
CRUDE, SIMPLE DESIRES OF THE  
WORKERS, SOLDIERS AND PEASANTS, AND  
FROM THEM BUILT THEIR IMMEDIATE  
PROGRAM.



ON FEBRUARY **10,**

WORKERS'  
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN  
IN PETROGRAD.

ON FEBRUARY **14,**

90,000 WORKERS  
IN 58 ENTERPRISES LAID DOWN  
THEIR TOOLS.

ON FEBRUARY **23**

(OLD STYLE!)

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
WAS CELEBRATED.

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN WENT OUT ON TO THE  
NEVSKY PROSPECT IN PETROGRAD THAT DAY,  
CHANTING "GIVE US BREAD!", "DOWN WITH  
THE WAR!", "VOTES FOR WOMEN!"





HERE ARE THE GIFTS  
RUSSIAN WOMEN  
RECEIVED THAT DAY!

IN SUPPORT OF THE WOMEN'S DEMONSTRATION, 128,000 WORKERS  
WENT ON STRIKE. THE REVOLUTIONARY INITIATIVE OF THE MASSES  
WAS TAKEN UP BY THE BOLSHEVIKS. THEY BROUGHT AWARENESS  
AND ORGANISATION TO THE RAPIDLY GROWING MOVEMENT.

**VOTES  
FOR WOMEN!**

DOWN  
WITH THE WAR!

GIVE  
US  
BREAD!






ON FEBRUARY 24,

THE STRIKERS  
NUMBERED 214,000.

ON FEBRUARY 25,

A GENERAL POLITICAL STRIKE  
BEGAN; IT PARALYSED  
THE CITY'S ECONOMY.



I ORDER THAT THE DISORDERS  
IN THE CAPITAL, INTOLERABLE  
DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES  
OF WAR, BE ENDED TOMORROW.


ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 25,  
THE COMMANDER OF THE CAPITAL'S  
MILITARY DISTRICT, GENERAL  
KHABALOV, RECEIVED AN ORDER  
FROM THE TSAR TO PUT AN  
END TO THE DISTURBANCES  
IN THE CAPITAL WITHOUT  
DELAY.

I HAVE ISSUED AN ORDER  
PROHIBITING GATHERINGS.



**ON FEBRUARY  
26,**

BLOODY CLASHES TOOK PLACE IN  
VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY BETWEEN  
WORKERS, AND POLICE AND TROOPS.



THE SIDE THE WOMEN TAKE  
WILL BE THE WINNING ONE!

WHAT HAVE THE WOMEN  
GOT TO DO WITH IT? IT'S  
THE SIDE THE TROOPS TAKE  
THAT MATTERS!

**ON FEBRUARY 27,**

THE GENERAL POLITICAL STRIKE  
GREW INTO AN ARMED UPRISING.  
WORKERS' REVOLUTIONARY ACTIONS  
MERGED WITH THE SOLDIERS' MOVEMENT.

**ON THE MORNING** OF FEBRUARY 27, **10,000** SOLDIERS  
WENT OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE INSURGENTS.

**DURING THE DAY** - ANOTHER **25,000**

**IN THE EVENING** - **67,000** MORE

**ON THE NEXT DAY** - **127,000**



PETROGRAD SOVIET OF WORKERS'  
AND SOLDIERS' DEPUTIES

AFTER ALL, THE PEOPLE  
SUPPORT OUR SOVIET.

NO! WE MUSTN'T  
RUSH THINGS!

WE MUST  
TAKE STATE  
POWER INTO  
OUR HANDS!




**ON THE EVENING OF FEBRUARY 27**, THE WORKERS AND SOLDIERS ELECTED THEIR DEPUTIES TO THE PETROGRAD SOVIET. THE PEOPLE'S UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT GAVE THEM FULL POWER. BUT MOST OF THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET REPRESENTED PARTIES THAT COULD NOT AND DID NOT WANT TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

**SOVIETS** - ELECTED POLITICAL ORGANISATIONS OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS AND PEASANTS, WHICH ORIGINALLY APPEARED IN RUSSIA DURING THE FIRST RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1905-07.

THE BOURGEOISIE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE WAVE OF POPULAR REVOLUTION...

## TSARIST DUMA



THE MAIN THING  
IS TO CHANGE  
THE SIGNBOARD  
IN TIME.

**DUMA PROVISIONAL  
COMMITTEE**

...WHILE THE WORKERS AND SOLDIERS WERE FIGHTING FOR POWER IN THE STREETS OF PETROGRAD, THOSE BOURGEOIS, WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SAT IN THE TSARIST DUMA, DECLARED THEMSELVES THE DUMA PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE  
**ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 27.**

**ON MARCH 2,** THE DUMA PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE TSAR AND DEMAND HIS ABDICATION

TSAR AND MINISTERS

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, YOUR MAJESTY?

PERHAPS YOU COULD ABDICATE IN YOUR SON'S FAVOUR?

NO, I ABDICATE FOR MYSELF AND FOR MY SON, IN FAVOUR OF MY BROTHER.

WHAT DO I NEED THIS BURDEN FOR?!



THE TSAR HAS ABDICATED, THE GRAND DUKE HAS ABDICATED!

POOR RUSSIA!  
NO ONE WANTS TO RULE HER!



*BUT CLAIMANTS TO POWER APPEARED IMMEDIATELY!*

# **TSARIST DUMA**

**DUMA PROVISIONAL  
COMMITTEE**

**PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT**



THAT SAME DAY, THE BOURGEOISIE, WITH THE BLESSING OF THE LEADERS OF THE PETROGRAD SOVIET, FORMED THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA.



ALWAYS  
WITH OUR PEOPLE !

FREEDOM  
AND DEMOCRACY !

EQUALITY  
AND FRATERNITY !

HURRAH FOR OUR  
REVOLUTION !



CITIZEN  
**GUCHKOV**  
MILITARY AND NAVAL  
MINISTER

CITIZEN  
**LYOV**  
HEAD  
OF THE GOVERNMENT

GUCHKOV - BIG CAPITALIST, WELCOMED THE DEFEAT OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION OF 1905-1907.

PRINCE LYOV - BIG LANDOWNER WHO ADVOCATED "DECISIVE MEASURES" AGAINST THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

CITIZEN  
**KONOVALOV**  
MINISTER  
OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

KONOVALOV - BIG TEXTILE-MILL OWNER, ADVOCATED AN "IRON-FIST" POLICY TOWARDS THE WORKERS.

CITIZEN  
**TERESHCHENKO**  
MINISTER  
OF FINANCES

TERESHCHENKO - BIG LANDOWNER AND SUGAR-MILL OWNER, SUPPORTER OF "WAR UNTIL FINAL VICTORY"

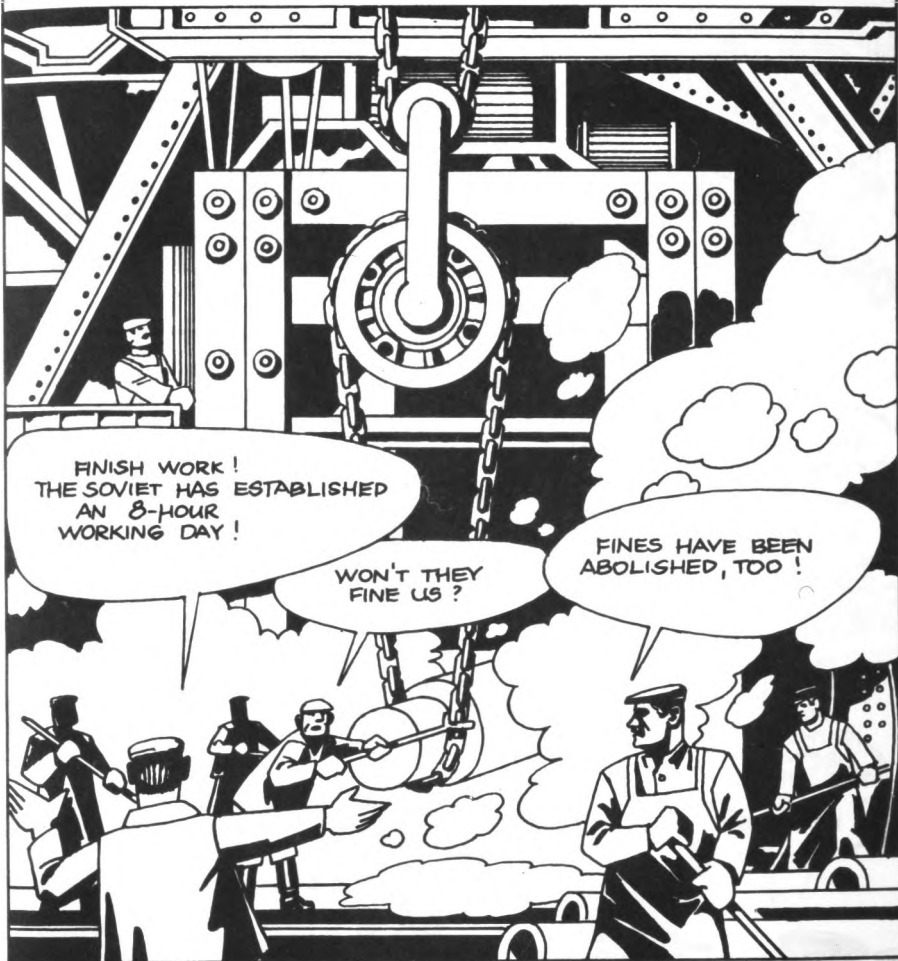
THE FIRST CABINET  
OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

WHO, THEN, CAME TO POWER IN RUSSIA ? ON THE ONE HAND - BOURGEOIS DEMOCRATS. ON THE OTHER...

IN MARCH 1917, A UNIQUE AND EXTREMELY CONTRADICTIONARY  
INTERWINING OF TWO POWERS TOOK SHAPE IN RUSSIA:  
THE POWER OF THE BOURGEOISIE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY-  
DEMOCRATIC POWER OF THE PROLETARIAT AND PEASANTRY.



IN SPITE OF HAVING RELINQUISHED POWER TO THE BOURGEOIS PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, FOR WHICH THE LEADERS OF THE SOVIET WERE TO BLAME, SINCE THEY DID NOT WANT TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY THEMSELVES, PETROGRAD SOVIET STILL ENJOYED REAL POWER OWING TO THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT.



LENIN SAW THE SOCIAL ESSENCE OF THE DUAL POWER AS THE INADEQUATE POLITICAL MATURITY AND ORGANISATION OF THE PROLETARIAT, AS WELL AS THE UNPRECEDENTED ACTIVITY OF THE PETTY-BOURGEOIS STRATA OF THE POPULATION.

PETROGRADERS  
WERE USED TO THE  
NUMEROUS MEETINGS  
AND ASSEMBLIES  
IN THOSE DAYS. BUT THIS  
PARTICULAR MEETING WAS  
TO GO DOWN  
IN HISTORY.

**ON APRIL 3,  
1917**

GATHERED

THOUSANDS OF PETROGRADERS  
TO MEET **LENIN**, WHO WAS  
RETURNING FROM EMIGRATION.  
HIS WORDS WERE HEARD  
BY THOSE IN THE SQUARE,

BUT **BY THE WHOLE  
OF RUSSIA**

... UNDER  
THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT, TOO, THE  
WAR REMAINS AN  
IMPERIALIST  
WAR ...


NO SUPPORT  
FOR THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT !

... LONG LIVE  
THE SOCIALIST  
REVOLUTION !...

NO, JUST THE OPPOSITE.  
THEY SAY THE HEAD  
BOLSHEVIK HAS COME  
BACK FROM ABROAD.  
SOMETHING'S BOUND  
TO HAPPEN !

WHY  
IS THERE  
A MEETING AT  
THE STATION ?  
IS SOMEBODY  
LEAVING ?





YES, OF COURSE,  
GENTLEMEN, OUR ALLIES,  
WE HERE ARE PREPARED TO GO  
ON FIGHTING THE WAR TILL  
VICTORY IS WON!

WE DON'T  
WANT  
TO FIGHT!

I WONDER,  
JUST WHO  
IS PREPARED TO GO  
ON FIGHTING?

THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT,  
WHO ELSE?

LET THEM GO AND  
FIGHT THEMSELVES,  
THEN.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT AND COULD NOT SOLVE A SINGLE MAJOR PROBLEM OF THE REVOLUTION: THAT OF WAR AND PEACE, THE AGRARIAN AND LABOUR PROBLEM, THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RUIN, HUNGER, AND THE NATIONALITIES QUESTION. ALL THE ATTRACTIVE PROMISES BURST LIKE SOAP BUBBLES.





RUSSIA'S POLITICAL CALENDAR OF THOSE MONTHS WAS FILLED WITH CRISES.

UNDER POPULAR PRESSURE THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT CHANGED ITS COMPOSITION SEVERAL TIMES, BUT CONTINUED TO REPRESENT THE MONEY-BAGS.

COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES WERE TO LEAVE IT, BUT THEY WERE REPLACED BY OTHERS AT ONCE.

**56  
KILLED**

**650  
WOUNDED**

NO, THIS ISN'T TSARIST TIMES

**BUT JULY 4, 1917!**

THE TROOPS OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OPENED FIRE ON 500,000 PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS. THEY WANTED TO SAVE THE REVOLUTION—...FROM THEIR OWN PEOPLE!

AFTER THE BLOODY EVENTS OF JULY, LENIN WROTE: "THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION HAS BECOME ORGANISED AND CONSOLIDATED, AND HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN STATE POWER INTO ITS HANDS."

**THE DUAL POWER  
CAME TO AN  
END.**



WHY DID THEY KILL IVANOV THE WORKER?

HE WAS SELLING THE BOLSHEVIK NEWSPAPER LISTOK PRAVDY.

# THE TIME OF REACTION HAD COME.

LENIN MUST BE ARRESTED AT ONCE.

THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY HAD TO OPERATE ILLEGALLY. LENIN LEFT PETROGRAD AND HID AT THE SMALL STATION OF RAZLIV.

IN SPITE OF MURDER, ARREST AND ATTACKS ON PRINTING WORKS, THE BOLSHEVIK PRESS PERSISTED IN ITS STRUGGLE. THE NEWSPAPER PRAVDA (THE PARTY'S CHIEF PRINTED ORGAN) CAME OUT UNDER VARIOUS NAMES: RABOCHY I SOLDAT, PROLETARY, RABOCHY PUT.

HAVE YOU READ THAT THERE'S A CONGRESS OF BOLSHEVIKS? I WONDER WHY THEY DON'T WRITE WHERE IT'S BEING HELD.

AT THE MOMENT THE CONGRESS CAN ONLY WORK ON AN ILLEGAL BASIS.

FROM JULY 26 TO AUGUST 3, THE SIXTH CONGRESS OF THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY WAS HELD IN PETROGRAD. IT ADOPTED A LINE OF ARMED UPRISING, PREPARING THE MASSES FOR THE MOMENT WHEN THE NATIONWIDE CRISIS AND REVOLUTIONARY UPSURGE WOULD CREATE THE RIGHT CONDITIONS FOR VICTORY.

**KERENSKY** - NEW PRIME MINISTER OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. THIS MAN CAST HIMSELF AS THE "SAVIOUR OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION".

IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP! THAT WOULD TIE THE BOLSHEVIKS' HANDS.

**WHAT HAVE THESE PEOPLE IN COMMON?**

**KORNILOV** - COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. HE SAW HIMSELF AS THE "SAVIOUR OF THE RUSSIAN STATE".

WE MUST ESTABLISH A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP AND PUT AN END TO THE BOLSHEVIKS!

LOOK, TWO SUCH DIFFERENT PEOPLE, AND BOTH WANT TO BE DICTATOR OF RUSSIA.

WELL, KERENSKY'S ALREADY PRIME MINISTER. I WONDER WHAT KORNILOV HAS UP HIS SLEEVE.

BETWEEN AUGUST 21 AND 31, 1917, GENERAL KORNILOV MOVED HIS TROOPS AGAINST PETROGRAD WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IN RUSSIA. HIS MUTINY RELIED ON THE BIG BOURGEOISIE AND WAS SUPPORTED BY THE ENTENTE. THE STRUGGLE AGAINST KORNILOV WAS ORGANISED BY THE BOLSHEVIKS. THE MUTINY WAS PUT DOWN BY THE REVOLUTIONARY TROOPS.

THE DEFEAT OF KORNILOV CHANGED THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY. THE BOLSHEVIKS' PRESTIGE ROSE SHARPLY, WHILE THE BROAD POPULATION FINALLY REALISED THE TRUE NATURE OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

# AUTUMN 1917 ARRIVED...

TO WARMER CLIMES,  
MY CHILD. TO LANDS WHERE  
THERE HAS BEEN  
NO REVOLUTION YET!

DADDY,  
WHERE DO  
THE BIRDS GO  
IN THE WINTER?

OUR BREAD RATION  
HAS BEEN CUT SIX TIMES  
IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS.  
IT'S VIRTUALLY  
INVISIBLE NOW.

WHAT ARE YOU  
LOOKING FOR ON  
YOUR EMPTY  
PALM?

SHE'S GONE MAD!

CUT OFF  
EXACTLY A THIRD  
OF THAT SHOE,  
PLEASE.

WHAT'S SHE  
GOT TO DO WITH  
IT? HER MONTHLY  
WAGE IS 35 ROUBLES  
AND THE SHOES COST  
100 ROUBLES.

BREAD

SHOES

REVOLUTION IS A DISEASE...  
OTHER STATES WILL HAVE TO INTERVENE,  
JUST AS DOCTORS DO, IN ORDER TO  
HEAL A SICK CHILD...

THE CAPITALIST  
LIANOZOV

A VERY CLEVER NOTION.  
"LET'S HURRY, FRIENDS, TO COMPLETE  
THE REVOLUTION: HE WHO MAKES  
A REVOLUTION TOO LONG,  
DOES NOT ENJOY  
ITS FRUITS."

WHAT'S NEW  
IN THE  
PAPERS?

AND WHAT'LL HAPPEN WHEN THE  
TERRIBLE RUSSIAN WINTER  
SETS IN?


WINTER, DEAR FOREIGNER,  
HAS ALWAYS BEEN  
RUSSIA'S ALLY. MAYBE  
THIS TIME IT'LL RID US  
OF THE REVOLUTION.

ALL POWER  
TO THE SOVIETS!

THE AUTUMN THAT WAS TO BECOME THE SPRING  
OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION HAD ARRIVED...

**History will not forgive  
revolutionaries for procrastinating  
when they could be victorious today  
(and they certainly will be victorious today),  
while they risk losing much tomorrow,  
in fact, they risk losing everything.**

**V. I. Lenin**



ON WHOSE SIDE  
ARE YOU ?  
ARE YOU DEFENDING  
THE GOVERNMENT ?

THERE ISN'T  
ANY GOVERNMENT  
ANY MORE,  
THANK GOD !

IN EARLY OCTOBER, LENIN ARRIVED  
IN DISGUISE FROM FINLAND  
TO PETROGRAD

PETROGRAD



1/32,  
SERDOBOLSKAYA ST.


IT'S BEEN DECIDED  
TO PUT YOU UP HERE,  
IN A SECRET FLAT.



1. ORGANISE A HEADQUARTERS FOR THE INSURGENT DETACHMENTS.
2. DISTRIBUTE THE FORCES.
3. MOVE THE MAIN FORCES TO THE KEY POINTS: THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE, TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND RAILWAY STATIONS.
4. ARREST THE GENERAL STAFF AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.
5. ENSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE ARMED ACTIONS BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES ARE PUT DOWN RESOLUTELY.

LENIN'S PLAN  
FOR THE ARMED UPRISING





ALL OF US AT THE FACTORY  
ARE READY FOR THE UPRISING.  
WHEN ARE WE GOING TO MOVE,  
COMRADE ?

WE'LL MAKE OUR MOVE  
ONLY WHEN THE PARTY  
TAKES A DECISION ON THE  
UPRISING.

32/1,  
KARPOVSKAYA EMBANKMENT

THE TIME IS RIPE  
FOR AN UPRISING!  
IT IS INEVITABLE!

THE PARTY  
MUST TAKE  
THE LEAD OF THE  
ARMED UPRISING!

**ON OCTOBER 10, 1917**, THE SITTING OF THE  
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE RSDLP(B) PASSED  
LENIN'S RESOLUTION ON THE IMMEDIATE PREPARATIONS  
FOR THE ARMED UPRISING.

REVOLUTIONARY  
SOLDIERS  
OF THE PETROGRAD  
GARRISON.

**SUCH WERE  
THE FIGHTING  
FORCES  
OF THE  
UPRISING**

LOCAL REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY

THE LOCAL REVOLUTIONARY  
MILITARY COMMITTEES —  
FIGHTING BODIES FORMED BY  
THE SOVIETS ON THE INITIATIVE  
OF THE BOLSHEVIKS. THEY  
INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES  
OF VARIOUS CLASSES AND  
SOCIAL STRATA.

IN THE OCTOBER ARMED  
UPRISING IN PETROGRAD,  
THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY HAD  
BIG ARMED FORCES AT ITS  
DISPOSAL. THEIR VANGUARD  
WAS THE RED GUARD,  
WHOSE NUMBERS GREW TO  
40,000 DURING THE  
STRUGGLE.



SAILORS  
OF THE BALTIC  
FLEET.

THE RED GUARD.

THE RED GUARD —  
ARMED DETACHMENTS OF WORKERS  
SET UP IN ENTERPRISES IN MARCH 1917,  
UNDER THE LEADERSHIP  
OF THE BOLSHEVIKS.

COMMITTEES

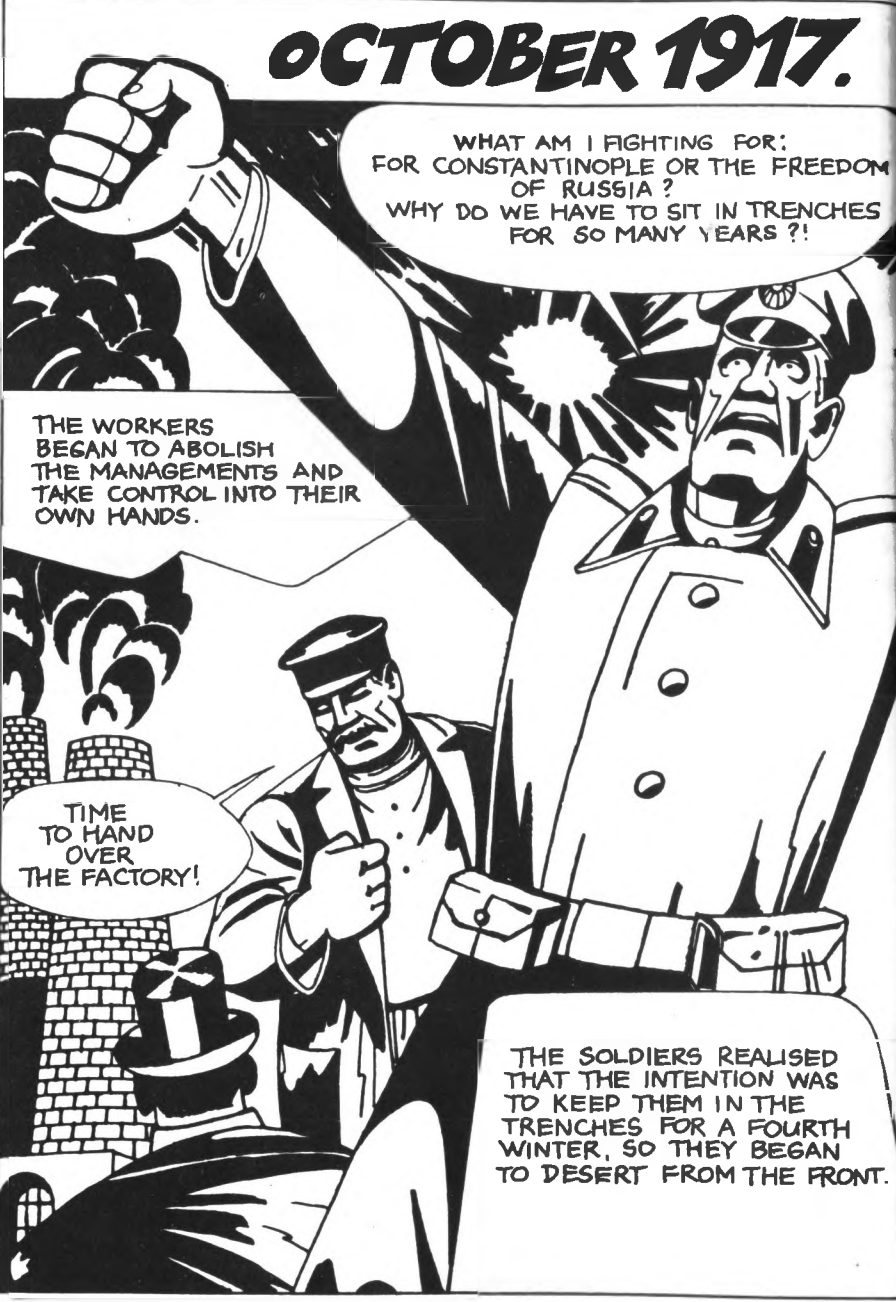
THE REVOLUTIONARY  
MILITARY CENTRE FOR  
LEADING THE UPRISING.



THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY  
COMMITTEE BECAME THE BODY FOR  
ORGANISING THE UPRISING IN THE  
CAPITAL. IT WAS SET UP, AT THE  
SUGGESTION OF THE CENTRAL  
COMMITTEE OF THE PARTY,  
UNDER THE PETROGRAD SOVIET.

**THIS WAS HOW  
THE UPRISING  
WAS ORGANISED  
POLITICALLY**

# OCTOBER 1917.



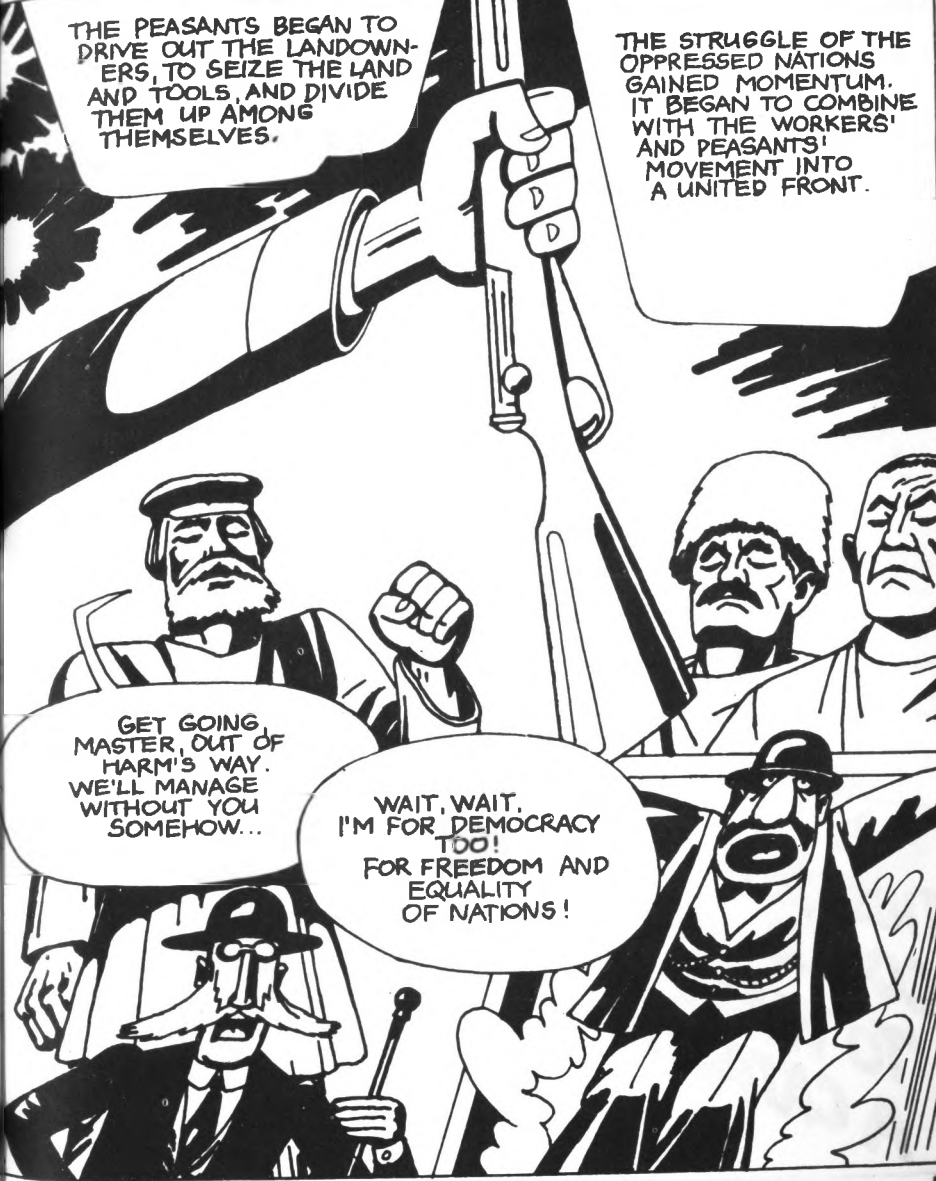
WHAT AM I FIGHTING FOR:  
FOR CONSTANTINOPLE OR THE FREEDOM  
OF RUSSIA?  
WHY DO WE HAVE TO SIT IN TRENCHES  
FOR SO MANY YEARS?!

THE WORKERS  
BEGAN TO ABOLISH  
THE MANAGMENTS AND  
TAKE CONTROL INTO THEIR  
OWN HANDS.

TIME  
TO HAND  
OVER  
THE FACTORY!

THE SOLDIERS REALISED  
THAT THE INTENTION WAS  
TO KEEP THEM IN THE  
TRENCHES FOR A FOURTH  
WINTER, SO THEY BEGAN  
TO DESERT FROM THE FRONT.

## SUCH WAS THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY



THE PEASANTS BEGAN TO  
DRIVE OUT THE LANDOWN-  
ERS, TO SEIZE THE LAND  
AND TOOLS, AND DIVIDE  
THEM UP AMONG  
THEMSELVES.

THE STRUGGLE OF THE  
OPRESSED NATIONS  
GAINED MOMENTUM.  
IT BEGAN TO COMBINE  
WITH THE WORKERS'  
AND PEASANTS'  
MOVEMENT INTO  
A UNITED FRONT.

GET GOING,  
MASTER, OUT OF  
HARM'S WAY.  
WE'LL MANAGE  
WITHOUT YOU  
SOMEHOW...

WAIT, WAIT,  
I'M FOR DEMOCRACY  
TOO!  
FOR FREEDOM AND  
EQUALITY  
OF NATIONS!

THE MINISTER  
OF TRADE

THE MINISTER  
OF FINANCES

THE BOURGEOIS  
PARTIES

THE RULING CLASSES  
COULD DO NOTHING  
TO WARD OFF  
A CATASTROPHE

CONVINCED OF THE IMPOTENCE OF  
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND  
HELPLESSNESS OF THE PETTY-BOURGEOIS  
PARTIES' PROGRAMMES THE NON-PARTY  
DEPUTIES TO THE SOVIETS BEGAN  
TO SUPPORT THE BOLSHEVIKS AND  
THEIR REALISTIC PROGRAMME FOR  
SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS.

THE RUSSIAN  
ECONOMY

THE BOURGEOIS  
PARTIES

THE GOVERNMENT



IN THE WORKING-CLASS QUARTERS, THE BOLSHEVIKS PUT FORWARD THE SLOGAN "ALL POWER TO THE SOVIETS!"

ALL  
POWER  
TO THE  
SOVIETS!

HERE YOU ARE  
STARVING, WHILE  
THE MEMBERS OF  
THE SOVIET  
MUNCH  
PINEAPPLES!

AGENTS  
OF THE "DARK FORCES"  
INCITED THE PEOPLE TO  
MURDER SHOPKEEPERS  
AND SOCIALIST  
LEADERS.

POGROM  
IN MERCHANT  
PUPKIN'S  
SHOP!

THE WAR MINISTER  
HAS PROPOSED  
A PEACE WITH  
THE GERMANS,  
IN SECRET  
FROM THE ALLIES!

THE BOLSHEVIKS  
ARE  
THE REVOLUTION'S  
WORST  
ENEMIES!

**TWO  
WORLDS  
WERE  
ABOUT**

WITH EVERY PASSING DAY, THE GOVERNMENT BECAME INCREASINGLY HELPLESS. EVEN THE CITY COUNCIL COLLAPSED. THE NEWSPAPERS WERE FULL OF AUDACIOUS ROBBERIES AND MURDERS, AND THE CRIMINALS GOT AWAY SCOT-FREE. WORKERS PATROLLED THE STREETS AT NIGHT, DRIVING AWAY MARAUDERS AND REQUISITIONING ANY WEAPONS THAT FELL INTO THEIR HANDS.

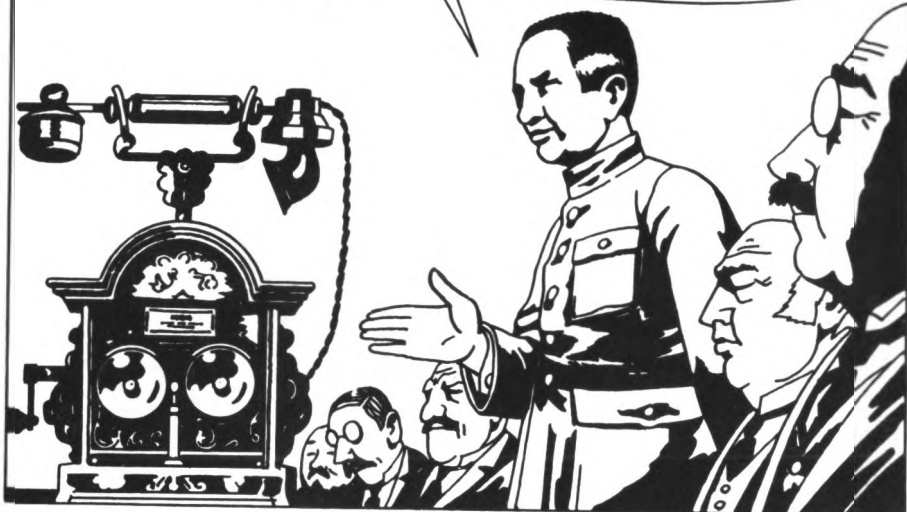
**TO CLASH  
IN THE STREETS  
OF  
PETROGRAD**

DELEGATES  
CAME FROM ALL OVER  
THE COUNTRY TO THE SECOND  
ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS,  
WHICH WAS ABOUT TO OPEN.

REGISTRATION  
OF DELEGATES

**KERENSKY  
AND THE MINISTERS  
IN THE WINTER PALACE**

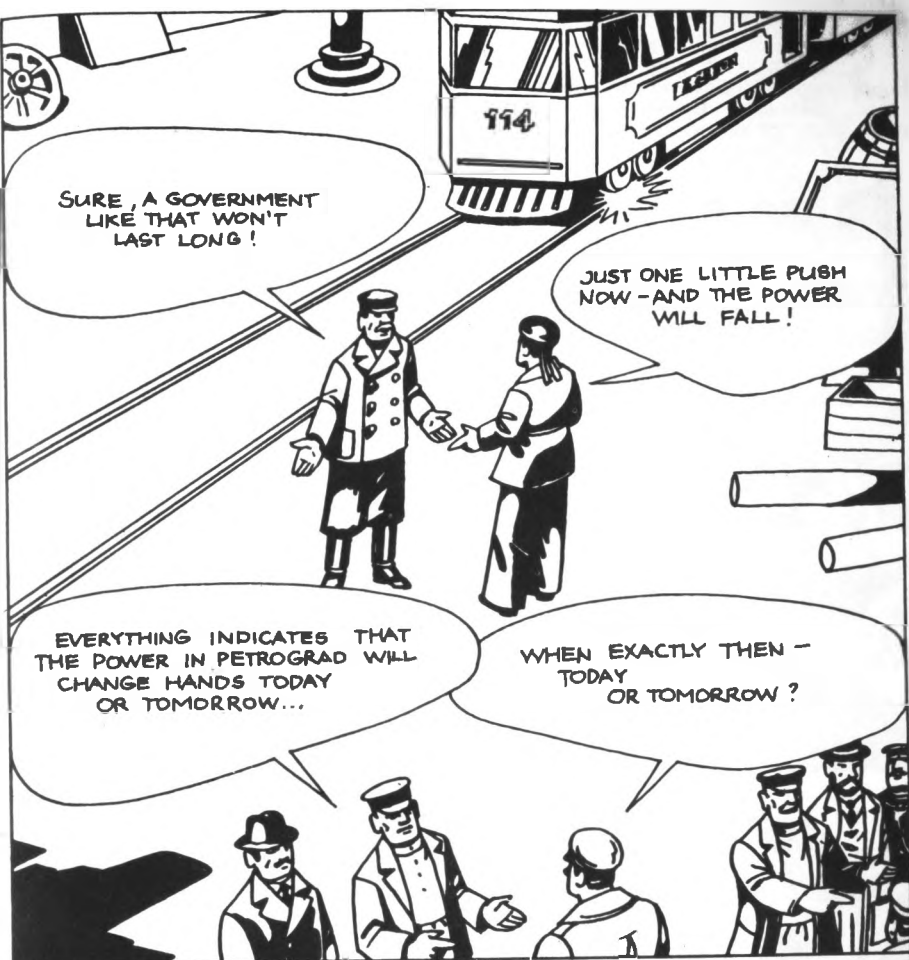
I AM A DOOMED MAN;  
I DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO ME,  
AND I BLAME THE BOLSHEVIKS'  
UNBELIEVABLE PROVOCATIONS  
FOR ALL THE CONFUSION  
IN THE CITY.



YOU MEAN KERENSKY REALLY  
SAID THAT ?!

I READ IT IN THE  
NEWSPAPER MYSELF.





SURE, A GOVERNMENT  
LIKE THAT WON'T  
LAST LONG!

JUST ONE LITTLE PUSH  
NOW - AND THE POWER  
WILL FALL!

EVERYTHING INDICATES THAT  
THE POWER IN PETROGRAD WILL  
CHANGE HANDS TODAY  
OR TOMORROW...

WHEN EXACTLY THEN -  
TODAY  
OR TOMORROW?

WHAT ROUTE DID THIS PETROGRAD TRAM TAKE?  
IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE TODAY, OF COURSE.  
THINGS WILL HAVE CHANGED SO MUCH IN RUSSIA  
BY TOMORROW MORNING THAT ONE MIGHT SAY:  
"THE TRAM WAS TRAVELLING FROM CAPITALISM TO  
SOCIALISM."

**WHY, THEN, WAS OCTOBER 24  
THE TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY  
OF THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION?**



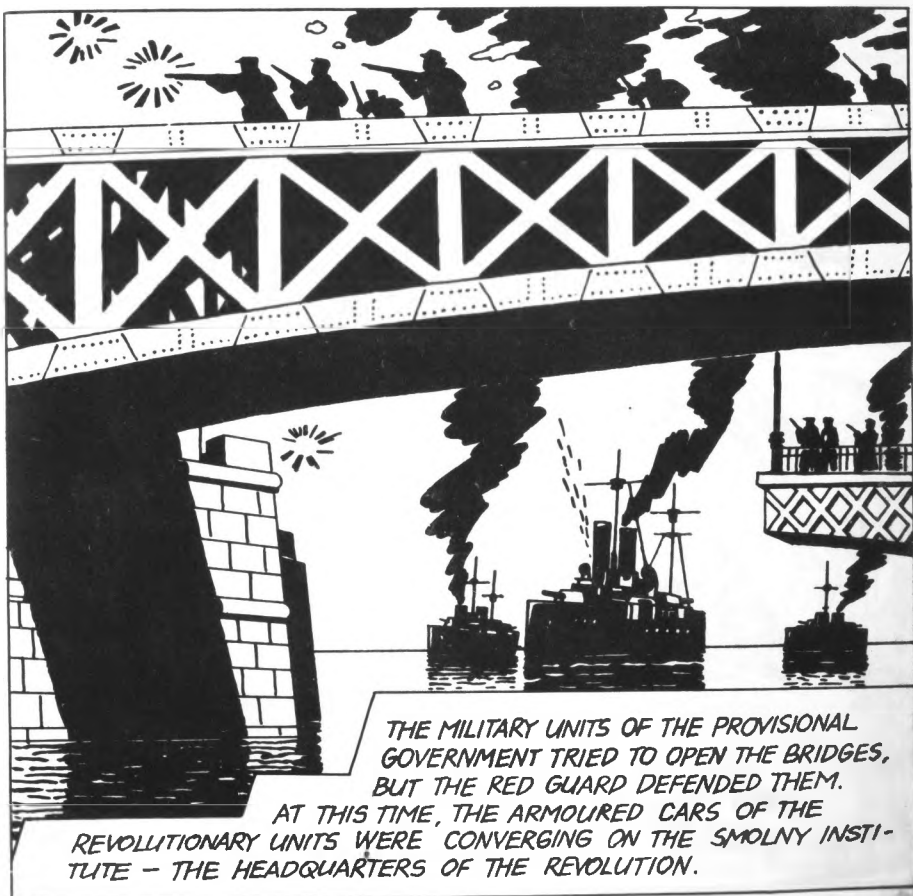
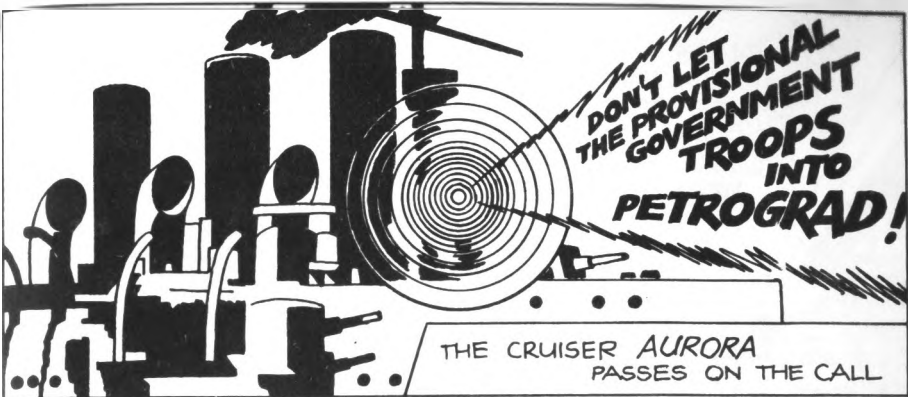
ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER  
KERENSKY, THIS ISSUE  
OF THE BOLSHEVIK NEWSPAPER  
SHOULD NEVER HAVE  
COME OUT.



# THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT WENT OVER TO THE OFFENSIVE

ON OCTOBER 24,  
THE GOVERNMENT ORDERED  
A RAID ON THE PRINTING  
SHOP OF RABOCHY PUT  
(AS PRAYDA WAS CALLED  
AT THAT TIME).





"COMRADES,  
I AM WRITING THESE LINES ON THE EVENING  
OF THE 24TH. THE SITUATION IS CRITICAL IN THE  
EXTREME. IN FACT IT IS NOW ABSOLUTELY  
CLEAR THAT TO DELAY THE UPRISING  
WOULD BE FATAL."

FROM LENIN'S LETTER  
TO CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS.

IN THE EVENING OF  
OCTOBER 24, A MAN LEFT  
A HOUSE ON THE CORNER OF  
SERDOBOLSKAYA ST. AND SAMSONEVSKY  
PROSPECT... THE WORKER IVANOV WAS  
UNKNOWN IN POLITICAL CIRCLES... NO ONE  
SUSPECTED THAT IT WAS HE WHO, A FEW HOURS  
LATER, WOULD HEAD THE UPRISING.

WHERE ARE  
WE GOING, DEAR ?

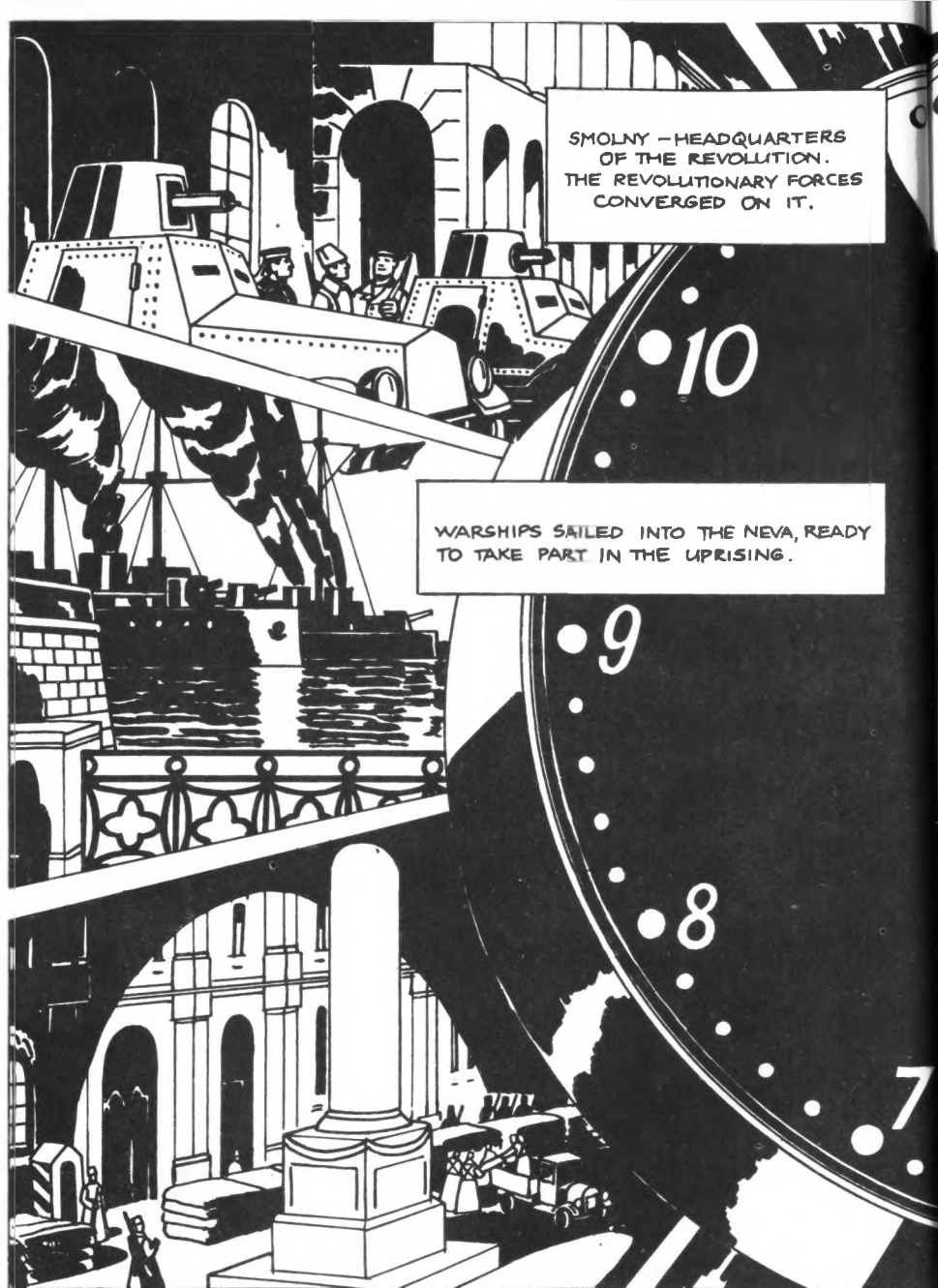
TO MAKE  
THE REVOLUTION !

**SMOLNY.**

THE REVOLUTIONARY  
MILITARY CENTRE.

WE MUST ACT  
ON THE DAY THE CONGRESS  
OF SOVIETS OPENS,  
SO THAT WE MIGHT SAY:  
"HERE IS THE POWER!  
WHAT ARE YOU GOING  
TO DO WITH IT?"





SMOLNY - HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE REVOLUTION.  
THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES  
CONVERGED ON IT.

WARSHIPS SAILED INTO THE NEVA, READY  
TO TAKE PART IN THE UPRISING.

IN THE SMALL HOURS  
OF OCTOBER 25, THE  
INSURGENTS SEIZED...

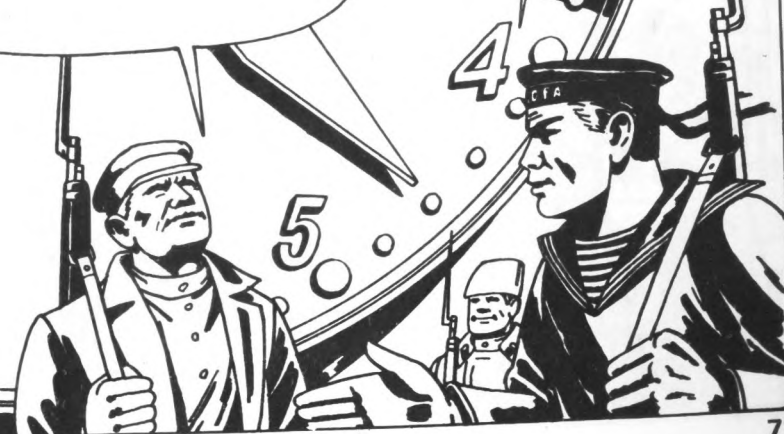
THE CENTRAL  
POST OFFICE **1.25 AM.**

NIKOLAYEVSKY  
STATION **2.00 AM.**

THE POWER  
STATION **2.10 AM.**

ESPECIALLY SINCE THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT'S TROOPS ARE  
ALREADY BUILDING BARRICADES  
NEAR THE WINTER PALACE.

BY MORNING WE MUST OCCUPY  
THE MAIN STRATEGIC POINTS.



**AND EARLY  
THE NEXT MORNING ...**

**ABOUT 6 A.M. THE SAILORS  
TOOK OVER THE STATE BANK**

WHY SO EARLY?  
HOW MUCH  
DO YOU NEED?

**WE NEED  
EVERYTHING!**

**STATE BANK**

**AT 8 A.M. THE RED GUARDS  
SEIZED THE WARSAW STATION...**

TAKE THE THINGS,  
MY MAN!

CARRY  
THEM  
YOURSELF!

WHAT'S  
GOING ON?!

A REVOLUTION,  
MADAME.



AT 7 A.M.  
THE SOLDIERS OCCUPIED  
THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE  
EXCHANGE.

I'M NO MISS!

PLEASE  
CONNECT ME,  
MISS!

THE CRUISER  
AURORA SAILED UP  
TO THE WINTER PALACE,  
TO WITHIN CANNON RANGE.

THE BOLSHEVIKS SUCCEEDED IN  
ORGANISING THE UPRISING DOWN  
TO THE LAST DETAIL AND,  
BY MORNING, THE CITY WAS IN  
THE HANDS OF THE INSURGENTS.





OUR GOVERNMENT  
WILL RECEIVE  
UNANIMOUS SUPPORT!

WHO ARE THESE  
BOLSHEVIKS?  
NOBODY WILL  
FOLLOW THEM!

AND ANYONE  
WHO OPPOSES US MUST BE  
ELIMINATED  
IMMEDIATELY!

EVERYBODY  
SAYS YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN  
DEPOSED. WHAT ARE YOU  
SITTING HERE FOR? YOU'D  
DO BETTER TO HAVE A CUP  
OF TEA AND HOP  
OFF HOME!

THEY'RE STILL SITTING AS  
IF NOTHING HAD  
HAPPENED.

THEY SEEM NOT TO REALISE  
THEIR POWER IS OVER!

ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 25,  
THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY  
COMMITTEE PASSED AN APPEAL  
"TO THE CITIZENS OF RUSSIA!"  
WRITTEN BY LENIN.

TO THE  
CITIZENS  
OF RUSSIA!

**THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT  
HAS BEEN DEPOSED...**  
THE CAUSE FOR WHICH THE PEOPLE  
HAVE FOUGHT...  
THIS CAUSE HAS BEEN  
SECURED.  
**LONG LIVE  
THE REVOLUTION  
OF WORKERS, SOLDIERS!  
AND PEASANTS!**

THE LAST FEW HOURS BEFORE THE STORMING OF THE WINTER PALACE. THE AMERICAN JOURNALIST JOHN REED, WHO SAW IT HAPPEN, RECOUNTS...

THE WOMEN'S BATTALION HAS DECIDED TO REMAIN LOYAL TO THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

LOCK YOURSELVES IN, MISSES. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS YOU'LL BE SAFE.

WHY IS THE DOOR LOCKED?

TO KEEP THE SOLDIERS IN.

THAT'S A SHOT FROM AURORA, FIRED AT THE WINTER PALACE.

BOOMMM!

MAY I INTERVIEW THE PRIME MINISTER?

ALEXANDER FEDOROVICH KERENSKY IS EXTREMELY OCCUPIED JUST NOW. IN FACT, HE IS NOT HERE...

HE HAS GONE TO THE FRONT. AND YOU KNOW, THERE WASN'T ENOUGH GASOLINE FOR HIS AUTOMOBILE. WE HAD TO SEND TO THE ENGLISH HOSPITAL AND BORROW SOME.

WE'LL SAVE RUSSIA AND DEMOCRACY!

KERENSKY

I AM VERY ANXIOUS TO GO AWAY FROM RUSSIA. I HAVE MADE UP MY MIND TO JOIN THE AMERICAN ARMY. WILL YOU PLEASE GO TO YOUR CONSUL AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS?

THE PALACE IS STILL STANDING. THEY MUST HAVE MISSED!

EVEN BLANKS WOULD DO TO OVERTHROW YOUR GOVERNMENT!

**POWER IS IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' REVOLUTION,**  
**ABOUT THE NECESSITY OF WHICH**  
**THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE ALWAYS SPOKEN,**  
**HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.**



YOU MEAN  
WE'VE WON?

NO, IT'S ONLY  
JUST BEGINNING.  
THERE'S STILL  
A GREAT DEAL TO DO,  
A TERRIBLE LOT!



**AT 10.40 P.M. ON OCTOBER 25,**

AT THE HEIGHT OF THE ARMED  
UPRISING, THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA  
CONGRESS OF SOVIETS  
OF WORKERS' AND SOLDIERS' DEPUTIES  
OPENED AT SMOLNY.



ON OCTOBER 26, AT 2.10 A.M.  
THE MINISTERS OF THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT WERE ARRESTED...

OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS  
IN THE PALACE  
WERE DISARMED AND  
RELEASED...

"WE DECLARE THAT WE HAVE  
NOT DESTROYED THE WINTER  
PALACE, HAVE NOT KILLED PEACEFUL  
CITIZENS, BUT HAVE DEFENDED  
FREEDOM AND THE REVOLUTION  
FROM COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES.  
THE FIRE FROM OUR CANNON  
COULD HAVE RAZED NOT ONLY THE  
WINTER PALACE, BUT ALL  
SURROUNDING STREETS TO THE  
GROUND... DO NOT LISTEN TO  
RUMOURS! ONLY A SINGLE  
BLANK SHOT WAS FIRED..."

FROM A LETTER OF  
THE CRUISER AURORA CREW  
TO THE PRAVDA EDITORS



# SMOLNY

THIS IS WHERE THE SECOND  
ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS  
OF SOVIETS WAS HELD.

THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA  
CONGRESS OF SOVIETS,  
WHICH BEGAN  
AT 10.40 P.M.  
ON OCTOBER 25,  
CLOSED  
ON OCTOBER 27  
AT 5.15 A.M.



HA, WHAT COULD  
THEY DECIDE  
IN SOME 30 HOURS ?!  
WHAT ARE THEY CAPABLE OF,  
THESE BOLSHIEVKS,  
ANYWAY ?!

IN JUST OVER A DAY, THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA OBTAINED  
WHAT THEY HAD DREAMED ABOUT FOR CENTURIES, WHAT  
NEITHER THE TSAR, NOR THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, NOR  
ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT COULD OR EVEN WANTED TO GIVE  
THEM - WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TRULY POPULAR, WORK-  
ERS' AND PEASANTS' GOVERNMENT.

**THIS WAS SHOWN BY THE FIRST LAWS  
PASSED UNDER SOVIET POWER**

OCTOBER 27, 1917

**PEACE-WITHOUT  
ANNEXATION  
OR  
INDEMNITIES!**

DECREE ON PEACE

**...WE PROPOSE THAT ALL  
WARRING NATIONS  
AND GOVERNMENTS  
START PEACE TALKS  
IMMEDIATELY...**

**DOWN  
WITH THE WAR!**

**THE LANDLORDS'  
OWNERSHIP OF  
THE LAND  
IS ABOLISHED  
HENCEFORTH...**

DECREE ON LAND

**...WITHOUT ANY  
COMPENSATION!**

**THE LANDED ESTATES,  
WITH ALL THEIR  
LIVESTOCK AND  
EQUIPMENT, BUILD-  
INGS AND ALL  
POSSESSIONS,  
ARE TRANSFERRED  
TO THE LAND  
COMMITTEES  
AND SOVIETS  
OF PEASANTS'  
DEPUTIES.**





AT THE SECOND ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS,  
THE WORLD'S FIRST EVER WORKERS' AND PEASANTS'  
GOVERNMENT WAS FORMED —  
**THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS.**

WHAT DID THEY THROW  
OUT KERENSKY FOR,  
ANYWAY ?

THEY SAY HE  
HAD TO ESCAPE  
FROM THE WINTER  
PALACE DRESSED  
AS A WOMAN.

YOU SEE, MASHA, I WAS  
RIGHT NOT TO LET YOU  
JOIN THE WOMEN'S  
BATTALION.

THE PROMISE OF IMMEDIATE  
PEACE IS A LIE !  
THE PROMISE OF BREAD  
IS DECEPTION !

DON'T  
BELIEVE  
THE BOLSHEVKS'  
PROMISES.

THE PROMISE  
OF LAND —  
A FAIRYTALE !

MINISTER

LENIN WAS ELECTED HEAD OF GOVERNMENT.  
CONTROL OVER THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S COMMISSARS  
AND THE RIGHT TO REPLACE THEM BELONGED TO THE ALL-  
RUSSIA CONGRESS OF WORKERS', SOLDIERS' AND PEASANTS'  
DEPUTIES AND ITS CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

HAVE YOU READ WHAT'S WRITTEN?

LISTEN HERE:

"AS FOR THE CONGRESS OF SOVIETS,  
WE CLAIM THERE WAS NO  
CONGRESS OF SOVIETS."

I KNEW IT!

O.K.? WE'VE GOT  
RID OF THE TSAR.  
FOR ONE...

WE'VE GOT RID OF  
THE PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT—  
FOR TWO...

AND WHO'S  
GOING TO RULE  
US?

WE'RE GOING TO RULE  
OURSELVES!  
THE BOLSHEVIKS SAY THAT  
EACH OF US WILL  
PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING  
THE STATE.





IT WAS SUCH A NICE LITTLE  
FACTORY - AND THEY'VE  
NATIONALISED IT... I'M ALL FOR  
FREEDOM MYSELF. BUT HERE  
WE ARE, HAVING SOME  
SORT OF "PEOPLE'S  
POWER".

THEY'VE TAKEN  
MY LAND AWAY!  
WITHOUT PAYING ME  
A PENNY! THAT'S GOING  
TOO FAR!

THEY CALL THIS  
FREEDOM?! THEY'VE  
TAKEN AWAY MY RIGHT  
TO VOTE!



YES, IT REALLY WAS STATE POWER  
OF THE WORKING CLASS, WHICH, IN ALLIANCE WITH THE  
PEASANTRY, WAS CREATING A SOCIETY

**WITHOUT EXPLOITATION.**

UNDER THE TSAR, THE 400  
DUMA DEPUTIES INCLUDED  
ONLY A DOZEN WORKERS, AND  
EVEN FEWER PEASANTS.  
BUT TODAY THE GOVERNMENT  
IS - US!

I'M A RUSSIAN INTELLECTUAL.  
THEY AREN'T STOPPING US  
TAKING PART IN THE COUNTRY'S  
LIFE; ON THE CONTRARY, WE'RE  
BEING INVITED TO CO-OPERATE  
WITH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT.  
AND NOT ONLY US, BUT THE  
FORMER CAPITALISTS AND  
TSARIST ARMY OFFICERS, TOO.  
MANY HAVE AGREED...  
ME, TOO...

ONLY THE EXPLOITERS,  
LIVING ON UNEARNED INCOME,  
WERE DEPRIVED OF THEIR  
VOTING RIGHTS. THEY'RE ONLY  
2 P. C. OF THE POPULATION.  
WHILE WE - THE ABSOLUTE  
MAJORITY - CAN NOW VOTE.

AFTER ALL,  
RUSSIA HAS  
UNPRECEDENTED  
TASKS TO  
TACKLE.



## **THE TASKS FACING PEOPLE'S POWER :**

ELIMINATE ALL DIVISION OF SOCIETY INTO HOSTILE CLASSES,  
DESTROY ANY GROUNDS FOR THE EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN,  
CREATE A NEW STATE MACHINERY,  
CREATE A NEW SOCIALIST ECONOMY.  
AND EFFECT A CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

**ON NOVEMBER 2, 1917, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ADOPTED THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA, WHICH PROCLAIMED THE MAIN PRINCIPLES FOR SOLVING THE NATIONALITIES QUESTION:**

**EQUALITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA.**

FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT, WE HAVE HANDED DOWN OUR HISTORY, LEGENDS AND TRADITIONS BY WORD OF MOUTH - WE HAD NO WRITTEN LANGUAGE. NOW WE HAVE! AND LATER WE'LL HAVE OUR OWN SCHOLARS, WRITERS, ENGINEERS...

**FREE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL GROUPS MINORITIES AND ETHNICAL GROUPS INHABITING THE TERRITORY OF RUSSIA.**

**ABOLITION OF ALL NATIONAL AND NATIONAL-RELIGIOUS PRIVILEGES AND RESTRICTIONS.**

**THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA TO FREE SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING SECESSION AND FORMATION OF INDEPENDENT STATES.**

TODAY, DECEMBER 31, 1917, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THE STATE INDEPENDENCE OF FINLAND - IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST CONCERNING SECESSION.

TODAY WE OPEN OUR PEOPLE'S FIRST EVER SCHOOL, WHERE EVERYONE CAN STUDY, FREE OF CHARGE, IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE.

RUSSIA IS LOST!  
THE EMPIRE IS LOST!  
THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE DECIDED TO SQUANDER EVERYTHING!

IT TOOK US SO MANY YEARS TO PUT THE EMPIRE TOGETHER, LOVINGLY, BIT BY BIT... YOU MIGHT SAY, WITH THESE VERY HANDS. AH!

ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 25, THE SAME NIGHT THAT THE WINTER PALACE WAS TAKEN, THE COMMITTEE FOR THE SALVATION OF THE HOMELAND AND REVOLUTION WAS SET UP IN PETROGRAD.

WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS COMMITTEE ?  
SUPPORT FOR THE NEW POWER, NO DOUBT ?

WRONG ! LOOK, THIS IS THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST DOCUMENT !



TO THE CITIZENS OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC

ON OCTOBER 25, THE BOLSHEVIKS, AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE, CRIMINALLY ARRESTED IN PETROGRAD PART OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT, DISPERSED THE PROVISIONAL COUNCIL OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC AND DECLARED THEIR OWN ILLEGAL POWER.  
DO NOT RECOGNISE THE BOLSHEVIKS!  
DO NOT FULFIL THEIR COMMANDS!  
RISE TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND AND THE REVOLUTION !

THAT'S CUNNING ! THEY ARE  
SUPPOSEDLY THE ONES  
FOR THE REVOLUTION !

SO FAR THEY ARE ONLY WRITING  
PAPERS, WHILE KERENSKY, THEY  
SAY, HAS ALREADY MOVED TROOPS  
ON PETROGRAD.



WHAT'S  
THE NEWS ? WHERE'S  
KERENSKY ?

THEY SAY HE'S  
ONLY 8 KM FROM  
PETROGRAD, THAT HE'S  
PROMISED TO RIDE  
INTO PETROGRAD ON A  
WHITE STALLION.

AND IS IT TRUE THAT  
ALL THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE  
FLED TO THE AURORA ?



KERENSKY  
8 KM FROM  
PETROGRAD

WELL, CAN I RIDE  
TRIUMPHANTLY INTO  
MY CAPITAL NOW?



WE ARE CRUSHED!  
THE BOLSHEVIKS ARE ATTACKING!  
GENERAL KRASNOV AND HIS  
STAFF HAVE BEEN ARRESTED!



IT SEEMS I'LL HAVE TO BE ON THE  
MOVE AGAIN. THE DEVIL! I'VE  
FORGOTTEN HOW TO TURN THIS  
HORSE ROUND!



**ON OCTOBER 30**, TROOPS HEADED BY KERENSKY AND GENERAL KRASNOV BEGAN TO ADVANCE ON PETROGRAD, BUT AFTER MANY HOURS OF FIGHTING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY FORCES, WERE HALTED. THUS THE PETROGRAD PROLETARIAT REBUFFED THE FIRST COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ATTACK. ON NOVEMBER 1, THE MUTINY WAS PUT DOWN. KRASNOV AND HIS GENERAL STAFF ARRESTED, KERENSKY ESCAPED SECRETLY TO THE DON, IN ORDER TO GATHER NEW COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY FORCES.

THE CIVIL WAR UNLEASHED  
BY THE BOLSHIEVICS THREATENS  
TO CAST THE COUNTRY INTO  
THE INDESCRIBABLE TERRORS  
OF ANARCHY AND  
COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND  
TO BREAK OFF THE CONSO-  
LIDATION OF THE REPUBLICAN  
SYSTEM THAT WOULD  
ENSURE THAT THE LAND  
BELONGED TO THE PEOPLE  
FOR EVER.

WHO STARTED THE CIVIL  
WAR? IT WAS KERENSKY  
WHO TRIED TO TAKE  
PETROGRAD BY FORCE.

AND THE SECOND  
CONGRESS OF SOVIETS  
HAS ALREADY PROCLAIMED  
A REPUBLIC AND  
ADOPTED THE  
DECREE ON LAND.





THE NEW STATE HAD ONLY JUST BEEN BORN, BUT MANY, MANY ENEMIES, BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD, HAD ALREADY BEGUN TO PLOT AGAINST IT.

ON DECEMBER 2, 1917, RUSSIA CONCLUDED  
A UNILATERAL ARMISTICE WITH GERMANY.

THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE REALLY MESSED THINGS UP FOR US. WE'LL HAVE TO SORT THINGS OUT IN RUSSIA. IN SHORT, WE'LL OCCUPY THE CAUCASUS, THE DON, THE KUBAN, ORENBURG...

THAT LEAVES US SIBERIA AND THE FAR EAST?

EXCELLENT! WE'LL KEEP TO Bessarabia, THE UKRAINE, THE CRIMEA...

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!

FRANCE

BRITAIN

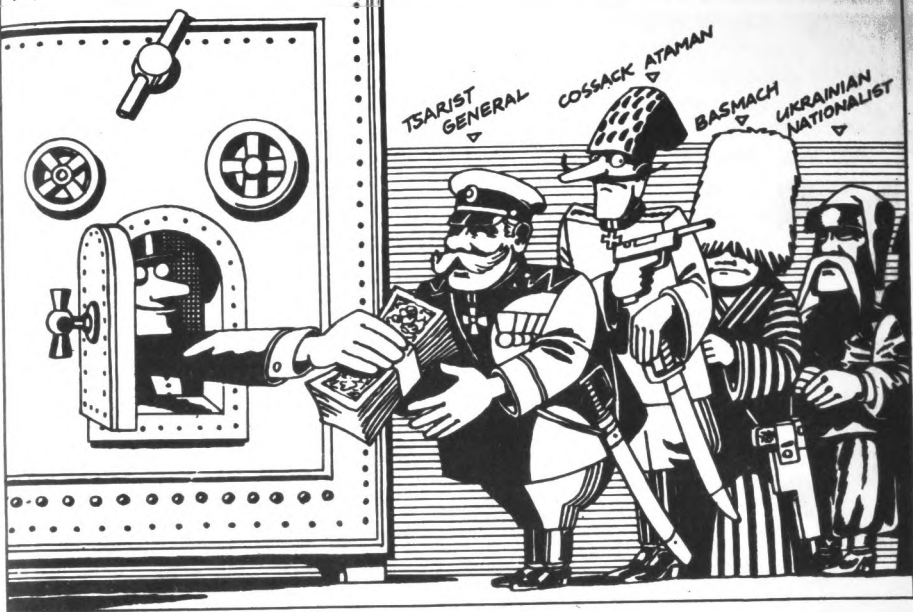
USA

JAPAN

**THE ENTENTE**

ON DECEMBER 10, 1917, BRITAIN AND FRANCE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON DIVIDING UP SPHERES OF MILITARY ACTION AGAINST RUSSIA. THE AGREEMENT ALSO TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF THE USA AND JAPAN. WORLD IMPERIALISM HAD INITIATED HOSTILE ACTIONS AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA EVEN BEFORE THIS, HOWEVER.

# THE ENTENTE AND THE USA



NOT EVERYTHING  
IS LOST YET! OUR  
FRIENDS OVERSEAS  
WON'T LEAVE US  
IN DISTRESS!

THE BOLSHEVIKS  
HAVEN'T A CHANCE  
AGAINST THE ENTENTE!  
HAVE YOU HEARD, ON  
NOVEMBER 14, BRITAIN,  
FRANCE AND ITALY DECIDED  
TO SUPPORT THE  
TRANSCAUCASIAN  
NATIONALISTS.

ON DECEMBER 9, THE  
CONFERENCE OF THE  
ENTENTE IN PARIS  
RECOGNISED THE NEED TO  
MAINTAIN CONTACTS WITH  
THE ANTI-BOLSHEVIK  
GOVERNMENTS OF THE  
UKRAINE, THE CAUCASUS  
AND SIBERIA AND TO  
GRANT THEM CREDIT.



DESPITE THE RUSSIAN BOURGEOISIE'S HOPES, THE PLOTS OF WORLD IMPERIALISM, THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY MUTINIES, ALL THE EFFORTS OF THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION, SOVIET POWER BEGAN ITS TRIUMPHAL MARCH THROUGH THE COUNTRY. SOVIET POWER WAS ESTABLISHED WITH COMPARATIVE EASE IN THE INDUSTRIAL REGIONS, WHERE THE BOLSHEVIK ORGANISATIONS WERE STRONG AND THERE WAS A LARGE WORKING CLASS. RUSSIA DID NOT, HOWEVER, BECOME SOVIET SO SIMPLY AND BLOODLESSLY.

**OCTOBER  
25-**

IVANOVO-VOZNESENSK

VLADIMIR

BRYANSK

**OCTOBER 27-**

YAROSLAVL

**OCTOBER  
28-**

NIZHNI NOVGOROD

KALUGA

TVER

**OCTOBER  
30-**

VORONEZH

COMRADES!

A PERSISTENT BATTLE  
FOR POWER HAS BEEN GOING  
ON IN MOSCOW FOR A WHOLE  
WEEK; THERE ARE MANY  
KILLED AND WOUNDED.



CAN WE HOLD OUT JUST  
A BIT LONGER, CHAPS ?  
RED GUARDS FROM  
PETROGRAD, SHUYA, PODOLSK  
AND SAILORS OF THE BALTIC  
FLEET ARE RUSHING  
TO OUR AID !

WE'LL CRUSH THE BOLSHIEVICS  
AND SET UP A NATIONAL CENTRE  
OF STRUGGLE IN MOSCOW  
AGAINST SOVIET POWER !!



FROM OCTOBER 25 TO NOVEMBER 2, BATTLES FOR SOVIET  
POWER RAGED IN MOSCOW. THE PROLETARIAT'S VICTORY WAS  
WON AT THE PRICE OF GREAT LOSSES. DURING THE UPRISING  
ABOUT A THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

IN LATE OCTOBER AND EARLY NOVEMBER 1917, THE SOVIETS SEIZED POWER OVER HALF THE TERRITORY OF THE BALTIC STATES.

## ESTONIA



DURING THE DAYS OF THE OCTOBER UPRISING IN PETROGRAD, THE ESTONIAN BOLSHEVIKS TOOK CONTROL OF ALL THE STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT POINTS AND PREVENTED THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY UNITS FROM MOVING AGAINST INSURGENT PETROGRAD.

# LATVIA

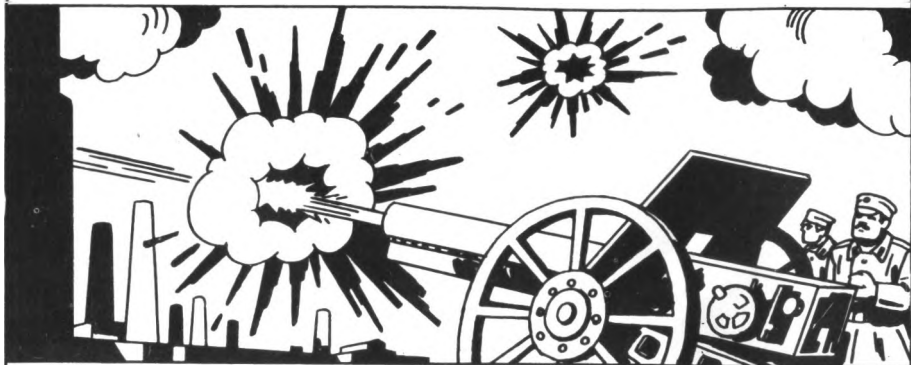
I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND!  
WHAT ARE THEY SENDING  
THESE SOLDIERS  
TO PETROGRAD FOR?

THEY ARE  
OUR LETTISH RIFLES.  
ABOUT 40,000 OF  
THEM HAVE GONE  
OVER TO THE SIDE  
OF THE REVOLUTION.  
SOME OF THEM  
ARE LEAVING  
TO DEFEND  
PETROGRAD.

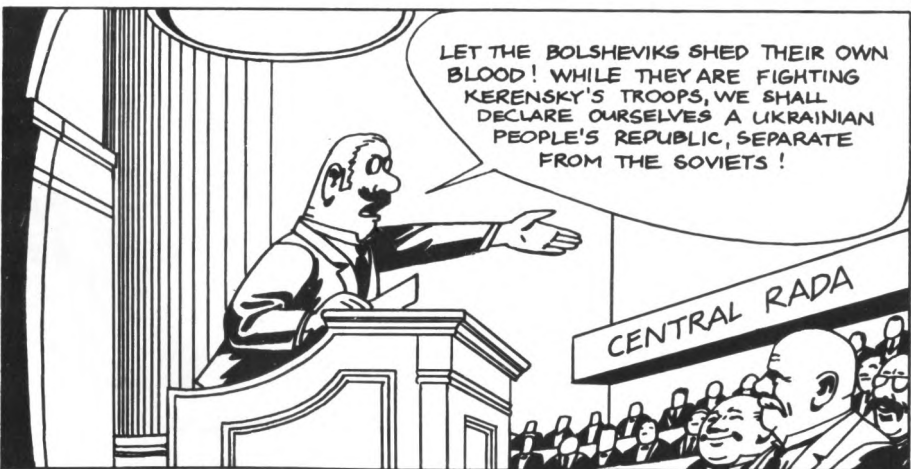
BON VOYAGE  
TO PETROGRAD!

THE LETTISH RIFLE DIVISION WAS PARTICULARLY COURAGEOUS  
ON THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT.  
DURING THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION, THE LETTISH RIFLES WERE  
AMONG THE STAINCHEST UNITS FIGHTING TO ESTABLISH  
SOVIET POWER.  
MANY TOP SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS  
CAME FROM THEIR RANKS.

THE CENTRE OF THE ARMED UPRISING IN KIEV WAS THE ARSENAL PLANT. ON OCTOBER 29, THE WORKERS REBUFFED SEVERAL ATTACKS BY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY UNITS.

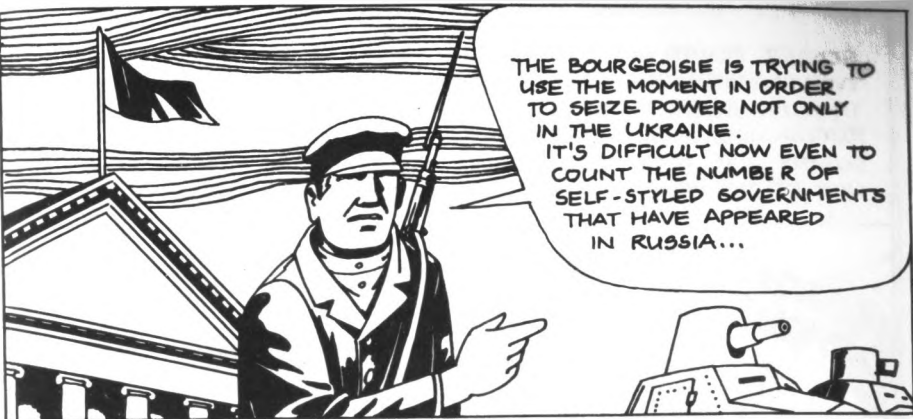


THERE WERE STOCKS OF ARMS THERE THAT THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT'S TROOPS WANTED TO SEIZE FROM THE WORKERS. FIERCE BATTLES RAGED IN KIEV FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS. WHEN, HOWEVER, THE INSURGENTS WON THEIR FINAL VICTORY, A TOTALLY DIFFERENT FORCE SEIZED POWER IN THE CITY.



THE UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTIC BOURGEOISIE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE VICTORY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND SOLDIERS. ON NOVEMBER 7, THE SO-CALLED CENTRAL RADA USURPED POWER IN THE CITY WITH THE HELP OF TROOPS INFLUENCED BY THE NATIONALISTS. THE REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND SOLDIERS SUFFERED ENORMOUS LOSSES IN ESTABLISHING SOVIET POWER IN KIEV AND THROUGHOUT THE UKRAINE IN THE COURSE OF THREE MONTHS.





THE BOURGEOISIE IS TRYING TO  
USE THE MOMENT IN ORDER  
TO SEIZE POWER NOT ONLY  
IN THE UKRAINE.  
IT'S DIFFICULT NOW EVEN TO  
COUNT THE NUMBER OF  
SELF-STYLED GOVERNMENTS  
THAT HAVE APPEARED  
IN RUSSIA...

THEY WERE VERY DIFFERENT, BUT HAD ONE THING IN COMMON: THE MOST VIOLENT  
HATRED OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD RISEN UP AGAINST EXPLOITATION  
AND OF SOVIET POWER.



WHO'S AGAINST  
THE SIBERIAN  
REGIONAL DUMA?!

ALL POWER  
TO THE KUBAN  
RADA!

HURRAH FOR  
THE TEREK-DAGHESTAN  
GOVERNMENT!

LONG LIVE  
THE MILITARY  
GOVERNMENT  
OF THE DON!

SOVIET POWER WAS ESTABLISHED IN A STRUGGLE BETWEEN TWO CLASSES: THE PROLETARIAT AND THE BOURGEOISIE. AT THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THERE WERE CONSIDERABLE TERRITORIES IN VAST RUSSIA WHERE PATRIARCHAL-FEUDAL RELATIONS DOMINATED AND INDUSTRY WAS ONLY IN ITS INFANCY: CENTRAL ASIA, KAZAKHSTAN. HOW DID THE REVOLUTION PROCEED ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF RUSSIA?

UNTIL  
OCTOBER 25, 1917

RELIGIOUS MULLAH

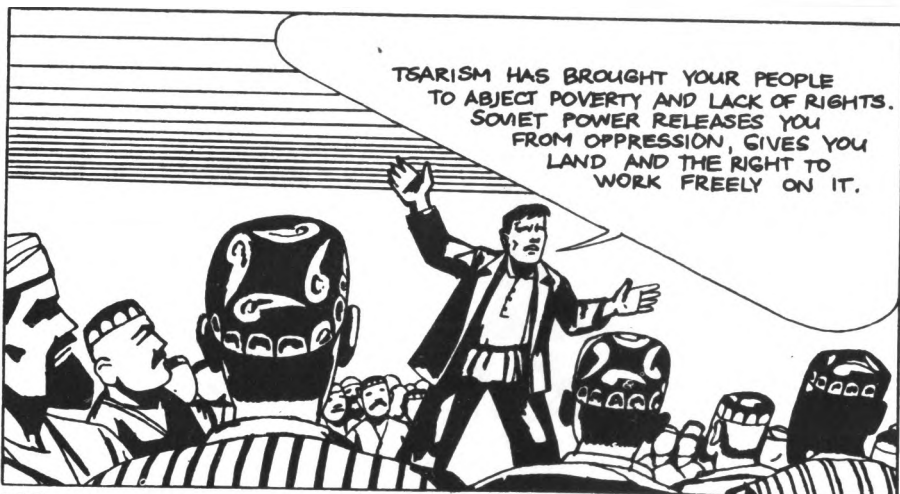
FEUDAL BEY

RUSSIAN GOVERNOR

ALMOST 100 P.C. OF THE POPULATION OF TAJIKISTAN AND TURKMENIA WERE ILLITERATE.

OUT OF EVERY HUNDRED KAZAKHS, ONLY TWO COULD READ AND WRITE.

THE KIRGHIZIANS HAD NO WRITTEN LANGUAGE AT ALL.



# AND AFTER OCTOBER 25, 1917

YOU'VE STOPPED WORKING?  
YOU WANT A REVOLUTION?  
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE RUSSIANS ARE YOUR SWORN ENEMIES?  
I'LL GIVE IT YOU—  
REVOLUTION!

THE BOLSHEVIKS WANT  
TO DESTROY  
OUR ISLAMIC FAITH!  
ALLAH CURSE YOU!

BUT I'M THINKING  
YOU'LL ALL CLIMB ON MY  
BACK AGAIN IN A MINUTE.

AND WHAT  
WAS WRONG WITH THINGS  
AS THEY WERE?  
I DID MY BEST FOR YOU.  
GET ON WITH  
YOUR WORK AND STOP  
THINKING ABOUT  
THINGS.




BUT PERHAPS  
THE BOLSHEVIKS WILL  
MAKE US PRAY TO THE  
RUSSIAN GOD!?

NOVEMBER 2, 1917:  
THE COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S  
COMMISSARS ADOPTED AN  
APPEAL: "TO ALL TOILING MUSLIMS  
OF RUSSIA AND THE EAST",  
WHICH DECLARED THE MUSLIMS'  
NATIONAL AND CULTURAL  
INSTITUTIONS, CUSTOMS AND  
BELIEFS, TO BE FREE AND  
INVIOLEABLE, AND GUARANTEED  
THEM COMPLETE FREEDOM  
TO RUN THEIR OWN LIVES.



**THE NEW YEAR OF THE NEW ERA WAS COMING,  
THE FIRST YEAR IN RUSSIA AFTER THE REVOLUTION - 1918...**



ONLY ENOUGH FUEL LEFT FOR  
A FEW DAYS, AND THEN THE PLANT WOULD  
HAVE TO CLOSE DOWN! BUT THEN  
A NEW YEAR'S GIFT FROM THE BALTIC  
FLEET ARRIVES - THREE THOUSAND  
TONS OF COAL FROM THE STOCKS  
OF THE WARSHIPS.

NOTHING BELONGS TO  
ANYBODY ANYMORE,  
ANYWAY. IT'LL DO  
BETTER AS A NEW  
YEAR'S PRESENT FOR  
MY WIFE.

NOT TO ANYBODY,  
BUT TO US!  
DIDN'T YOU READ  
THE LEAFLET?

"CITIZENS! THE OLD OWNERS HAVE  
QUITTED. THEY HAVE LEFT AN ENORMOUS  
LEGACY BEHIND...  
DON'T TOUCH A SINGLE STONE,  
PROTECT THE MONUMENTS, BUILDINGS,  
WORKS OF ART, DOCUMENTS.  
ALL THIS IS YOUR HISTORY, YOUR  
PRIDE."

THE SOVIETS WILL RECEIVE  
SOME EXCELLENT GIFTS FOR NEW YEAR!  
PEOPLE LOYAL TO THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE  
ARE GATHERING THEIR FORCES.  
WE ARE SUPPORTED FROM ABROAD!  
LET'S DRINK TO 1917 BEING  
THE BOLSHIEVICS' LAST YEAR!

HAVE YOU READ THE PAPER?  
THE ALLIES ARE STILL SILENT.  
THEY HAVEN'T ANSWERED  
OUR ARMISTICE PROPOSALS!

YES, PEACE  
WOULD BE THE BEST  
POSSIBLE PRESENT FOR  
THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE, IN  
FACT FOR ALL ORDINARY  
PEOPLE: GERMANS,  
FRENCHMEN,  
AND ENGLISHMEN ALIKE...

WE FINANCE CLERKS HAVE  
PREPARED A NEW YEAR'S  
GIFT FOR THE BOLSHIEVICS -  
A STRIKE!

DADDY,  
TODAY ISN'T  
A HOLIDAY.  
WHY AREN'T YOU  
AT WORK?

**1918 WAS COMING,  
A YEAR OF HOPE AND ANXIETY...**

**No revolution is worth anything  
unless it can defend itself.**

**V. I. Lenin**



THERE ARE  
NO BARE NECESSITIES,  
**NO BREAD,  
MATCHES  
OR EVEN  
SOAP...**

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
TO SOW,  
NO PLOUGH, NO  
**LIVESTOCK...**

HOW, THEN,  
CAN RUSSIA BE FED ?!

THE NEW AUTHORITIES MUST  
SEE TO IT THAT THE POPU-  
LATION IS PROVIDED  
WITH SUPPLIES.

## THE FIRST YEAR OF SOVIET POWER..

HOW CAN  
PEOPLE BE TAUGHT  
A NEW LIFE  
IF THERE ARE  
**MILLIONS OF  
ILLITERATES  
IN THE COUNTRY?**

THE MAIN TASK NOW IS  
TO ELIMINATE ILLITERACY AND  
RAISE THE PEOPLE'S  
CULTURAL LEVEL

ONE IN FOUR FACTORIES  
IN PETROGRAD IS CLOSED.  
**THERE'S NO RAW  
MATERIAL  
OR FUEL**

THE MAIN THING  
NOW IS TO GET  
INDUSTRY  
ORGANISED.

## WHERE TO BEGIN?

HOW CAN THEY TALK  
ABOUT STATE TASKS, IF THE  
QUESTION OF STATE MANAGEMENT  
HASN'T BEEN DECIDED YET ?

THE BOLSHEVIKS  
PROMISED TO CONVENE  
A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.  
WHY DON'T THEY?



WHO ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE FOR?  
I'M FOR THE SRs.  
I'VE HEARD THEY INTEND TO GIVE  
US LAND.

AND I'M FOR THE BOLSHEVIKS!  
WHILE THE OTHERS ARE INTENDING,  
THE BOLSHEVIKS ARE ALREADY  
GIVING.

ELECTIONS  
TO THE CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY



ACCORDING TO THE RETURNS, VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTIES OF  
RUSSIA WERE REPRESENTED IN THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY.  
IN THE INDUSTRIAL CENTRES, THE BOLSHEVIKS WON DECISIVE  
VICTORIES IN THE ELECTIONS. THE MAIN MASS OF THE  
PROLETARIAT AND ALMOST HALF THE SOLDIERS SUPPORTED  
THE BOLSHEVIKS.

BUT WILL THE BOLSHEVIKS  
CONVENE THE CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY? AFTER ALL, THE POWER  
IS ALREADY IN THEIR HANDS, WHILE  
THERE YOU DON'T KNOW...

WE BOLSHEVIKS ARE GOING TO  
CONVENE THE CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY TO CONVINCE THE PEOPLE  
OF HOW COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY  
THE PETTY-BOURGEOIS PARTIES  
REALLY ARE.



ON JANUARY 5, 1918, IN PETROGRAD,  
THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT CONVENED THE CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY.

WE REFUSE TO RECOGNISE THE DECREES  
OF SOVIET POWER; NEITHER DO WE ACCEPT  
THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF THE  
WORKING AND EXPLOITED PEOPLE.

WHY BOTHER TALKING  
TO THEM?  
WHOM DO THEY  
REPRESENT?

THEY THINK THE PEOPLE  
FOUGHT JUST TO GIVE THE POWER  
BACK TO THE BOURGEOISIE,  
NOT ON YOUR LIFE!



THE BOLSHEVIKS WALKED OUT OF THE CONSTITUENT  
ASSEMBLY, WHICH THEN BECAME POINTLESS. LENIN CALLED  
THE DEPUTIES TO THE ASSEMBLY PEOPLE FROM ANOTHER  
WORLD AND JANUARY 5 A WASTED DAY.

THE DECLARATION ADOPTED **ON JANUARY 10, 1918**  
AT THE THIRD ALL-RUSSIA CONGRESS OF SOVIETS PROCLAIMED  
RUSSIA A REPUBLIC OF SOVIETS OF WORKERS', SOLDIERS' AND  
PEASANTS' DEPUTIES, AND HANDED ALL STATE POWER OVER TO  
THESE BODIES, THE DELEGATES TO THIS CONGRESS OUTNUMBERED  
THOSE OF THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY TWO TO ONE.

WE NEED BREAD,  
FUEL...

TRANSPORT, TOOLS,  
SKILLED WORKERS...

BUT MOST OF ALL, THE COUNTRY  
NEEDS TIME. THE PEOPLE,  
EXHAUSTED BY THE WAR,  
ARE JUST DYING FOR  
A PEACEFUL  
INTERLUDE.

## THE SOVIETS PROPOSED PEACE

TO ALL  
THE WARRING STATES, BUT  
THE ENTENTE REFUSED  
TO NEGOTIATE.

IN RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET  
PROPOSAL FOR PEACE  
WITHOUT ANNEXATION OR  
INDEMNITIES, THE GERMAN  
IMPERIALISTS PUT FORWARD  
PREDATORY DEMANDS.

HAVE YOU HEARD, THE SOVIETS ARE  
NEGOTIATING A PEACE WITH GERMANY  
AT BREST-LITOVSK ?

THE BOLSHEVIKS DID, IT'S  
TRUE, TALK TO THE ENTENTE  
ABOUT PEACE, BUT THEY  
WOULDN'T LISTEN.

HOW CAN THEY !  
THAT'S BETRAYING  
THE ALLIES !

GENTLEMEN,  
ENOUGH OF POLITICS!  
TEA ISN'T THE KAISER -  
IT'LL COOL DOWN  
SOON ENOUGH !

HERE YOU ARE - EDUCATED,  
YOU READ THE PAPERS.  
TELL ME WHEN MY SON'LL  
COME BACK FROM THE  
FRONT. WHY ARE THEY  
TAKING SO LONG  
ABOUT THIS  
PEACE ?

WE'LL NEVER AGREE TO PEACE WITH THE  
GERMANS ! THEY WANT HALF OF RUSSIA  
IN EXCHANGE !

STOP WAVING YOUR FISTS  
AROUND, FATHER ! HOW CAN WE  
GO ON FIGHTING NOW ? THE OLD  
ARMY IS COLLAPSING AND THERE'S  
NOTHING TO TAKE ITS PLACE YET.  
WE NEED A BREAK.

THE SOVIET STATE WAS  
FACED WITH THE QUESTION :  
EITHER TO CONCLUDE PEACE  
ON HARSH TERMS, BUT SAVE  
THE REPUBLIC, OR TO GO ON  
FIGHTING, THEREBY EXPOSING  
SOVIET POWER TO THE DANGER  
OF BEING OVERTHROWN.

EVERYONE WAS TALKING  
ABOUT PEACE : **THE MAN  
IN THE STREET,  
THE WORKER,  
THE ENEMY...**

RIGHT ! LET THE GERMANS  
DEAL WITH THE BOLSHIEVICS,  
AND THEN WE'LL SORT  
THINGS OUT !

WE MUST DO EVERYTHING  
POSSIBLE TO PREVENT  
AN ARMISTICE !

ON FEBRUARY 18, THE GERMANS BROKE THE ARMISTICE AND LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE ENTIRE EASTERN FRONT.

# THE SOCIALIST FATHERLAND IS IN DANGER



YOU WANT PEACE, AND WE WANT ONLY LITHUANIA, POLAND, PART OF BYELORUSSIA, ALL OF LATVIA AND ESTONIA...

YOU WILL GIVE THE TURKS, OUR ALLIES, KARS, ARDAGAN AND BATUM...

OH, I NEARLY FORGOT. YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY 6 BILLION MARKS IN INDEMNITIES.



**ON MARCH 3, IN BREST-LITOVSK, THE SOVIET DELEGATION SIGNED THE PLUNDEROUS PEACE TREATY**

THEY'VE ALREADY SEIZED LATVIA, ESTONIA AND BYELORUSSIA!

THE UKRAINE IS UNDER THE GERMANS. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO PETROGRAD!



WE UNDERSTAND THAT THESE ARE HARSH TERMS, BUT WE ACCEPT THEM.



ON MARCH 14, THE BREST PEACE TREATY WAS RATIFIED IN MOSCOW.

SINCE PETROGRAD WAS VIRTUALLY UNDER SEIGE, ON MARCH 11, 1918, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, HEADED BY LENIN, MOVED TO MOSCOW.

MOSCOW BECAME THE CAPITAL OF THE SOVIET STATE. LENIN WROTE AT THIS TIME: "THE PEACE TERMS ARE INTOLERABLY SEVERE. NEVERTHELESS HISTORY WILL COME INTO ITS OWN... THE FUTURE, IN SPITE OF ALL TRIALS, IS OURS."

CHARITABLE  
SOCIETY

WHAT  
SOCIETY  
IS THIS ?

SUPPOSEDLY  
A CHARITY, BUT ONLY  
OFFICERS SEEM TO BE  
GOING IN.

OUR CHARITABLE SOCIETY  
HELPS OFFICERS IN NEED.  
A PLATE OF SOUP A PACKET  
OF CIGARETTES...  
SO DON'T WORRY YOURSELVES.

GENTLEMEN OFFICERS !  
YOU'LL NOW GET MONEY AND WEAPONS  
AND BE SENT TO THE DON TO JOIN  
THE ARMY THAT'LL SAVE RUSSIA  
FROM THE BOLSHIEVICS.

LET THE BOLSHIEVIKS THINK THIS  
IS SOME SORT OF CHARITY.

IN FACT IT'S A REAL  
CALL-UP POINT, EVEN IF  
IT IS UNDERGROUND.



THE FORMER EXPLOITERS COULD NOT COME  
TO TERMS WITH THE LOSS OF THEIR POWER,  
FINANCIAL MIGHT AND PRIVILEGES.  
THE ENEMIES OF THE REVOLUTION WENT  
OVER INCREASINGLY FROM ECONOMIC  
SABOTAGE TO MORE SERIOUS  
MEASURES.





AT THE SAME TIME, IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, BIG COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARMIES WERE RAPIDLY BEING FORMED. THE MONARCHIST OFFICERS, CIVIL SERVANTS, BOURGEOISIE AND LANDOWNERS WHO HAD FLED TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE COUNTRY UP THE CENTRE WERE JOINING UP WITH THE BOURGEOIS NATIONALISTS.

WE ARE THE TRUE DEFENDERS OF LAW AND ORDER.



AND THE SYMBOL OF THE LAW IS THE COLOUR WHITE, IN CONTRAST TO RED — THE COLOUR OF 'REVOLUTION'.

BUT WHERE WILL WE GET THE MONEY AND ARMS?

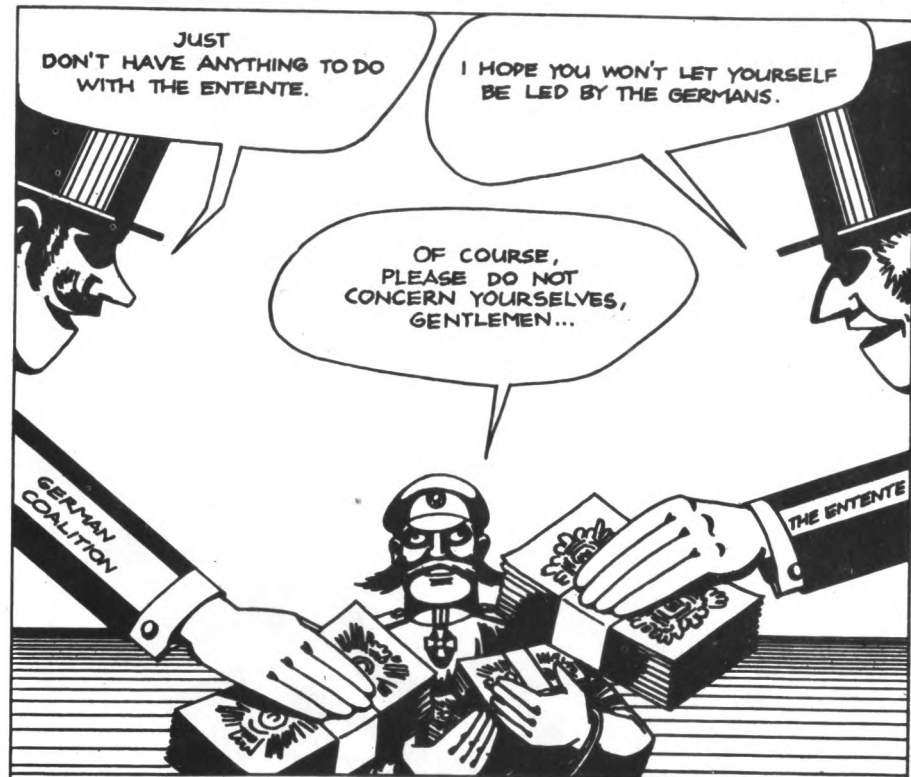
THE DON, THE KUBAN, THE SOUTH URALS, AND SIBERIA BECAME SUPPORT POINTS FOR THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION. ALL THESE FORCES TOGETHER MADE UP THE SO-CALLED **WHITE MOVEMENT**.



JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE ENTENTE.

I HOPE YOU WON'T LET YOURSELF BE LED BY THE GERMANS.

OF COURSE, PLEASE DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELVES, GENTLEMEN...



WORLD IMPERIALISM, IN LENIN'S WORDS, CAUSED A CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA.

BRITAIN ALONE SPENT £ 89.7 MILLION ON ANTI-SOVIET ACTIVITIES AT THAT TIME.

THE REVOLUTION HAD TO DEFEND ITSELF. THE REVOLUTION NEEDED AN ARMY.

40,000 PETROGRAD WORKERS ALONE HAVE SIGNED UP.

AND 60,000 FROM MOSCOW.

AND FROM TVER, IVANOVVO-VOZNESENSK, TULA, THE URALS — THE RED ARMY IS GROWING!



THE DAY, **FEBRUARY 23**, WHEN THE WORKER AND PEASANT ARMY WON ITS FIRST VICTORY ON THE APPROACHES TO PETROGRAD BECAME KNOWN AS **THE BIRTHDAY OF THE RED ARMY**. DURING THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN OF 1918, OVER 800,000 PEOPLE JOINED THE RANKS OF THE RED ARMY.



**ON JULY 10, 1918, THE FIFTH ALL-RUSSIA  
CONGRESS OF SOVIETS OFFICIALLY FORMED  
THE SOCIALIST RED ARMY  
THAT WAS BEING BUILT UP.**

COMRADE SOLDIERS! WE MAY STILL BE POORLY ARMED  
AND EQUIPPED. WE HAVE NO BRITISH TANKS OR GERMAN  
AIRCRAFT. WE HAVE ONLY ONE RIFLE BETWEEN SIX.  
BUT WE WILL CRUSH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION,  
FOR WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE WORKERS'  
AND PEASANTS' POWER.



...IN YOUR HANDS THE RIFLE MEANS DEFENCE OF ALL THE TOILING  
PEOPLE, ALL THE OPPRESSED...

... TAKE CARE OF THE RIFLE ON RECONNAISSANCE...

... TAKE CARE OF THE RIFLE ON PATROL...

WHAT SORT OF SOLDIER ARE YOU WITHOUT EVEN A RIFLE? YOU'LL  
BE THE LAUGHING STOCK WHEN SUCH A COWARD RUNS OFF AND  
SPREADS ALARM AMONG THE OTHERS. AND IF YOU RETREAT WITH A  
WEAPON, CARRY IT FOR AS LONG AS THERE'S EVEN A SINGLE  
CARTRIDGE LEFT. BY DEFENDING YOURSELF, EVEN IN RETREAT, YOU  
WILL SAVE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FROM POINTLESS DEATH...

( FROM A 1918 LEAFLET. )

**COMRADE!  
TAKE CARE  
OF THE RIFLE...**



THE SOVIETS HAVE THROWN ALL THEIR STRENGTH INTO BUILDING UP AN ARMY. THEY'VE NO TIME NOW TO BUILD THEIR SOCIALISM !

THAT'S NOT TRUE ! THE FIFTH CONGRESS OF SOVIETS APPROVED THE FIRST SOVIET CONSTITUTION, WHICH LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY.



IN THE CONFERENCE HALL OF THE CONGRESS OF SOVIETS

I VOTE FOR EQUALITY OF ALL NATIONALITIES !

I VOTE FOR THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES GRANTED TO US TOILING PEOPLE !

I VOTE FOR A SOCIALIST FUTURE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLES !



THE DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE  
**THE FIRST SOVIET CONSTITUTION**

THE SOVIET STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CRUSH THE INTERNAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION COMPARATIVELY QUICKLY, IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION.



SOON THE ENTENTE BEGAN ITS ACTUAL INTERVENTION AGAINST SOVIET RUSSIA.

**ON MARCH 9, 1918**, 200 BRITISH SOLDIERS LANDED AT MURMANSK. THE FIRST UNIT OF INTERVENTIONISTS WAS SOON JOINED BY LARGE CONTINGENTS OF BRITISH AND AMERICAN TROOPS.

FROM APRIL 5 TO JULY 6, ABOUT 75,000 JAPANESE AND 12,000 AMERICANS LANDED AT VLADIVOSTOK.

THERE ARE VIRTUALLY AS  
MANY JAPANESE IN VLADIVOSTOK  
AT THE MOMENT AS THERE  
ARE IN MY HOME TOWN.

AND ALMOST AS MANY  
AMERICANS AS IN MINE.  
SO WE'LL FEEL  
QUITE AT HOME...



AN AMERICAN FAMILY

WELL, OUR POOR JOHNNY BOY IS  
CERTAINLY GETTING AROUND IN  
RUSSIA. IN JULY WITH THE JAPANESE  
IN VLADIVOSTOK; IN AUGUST WITH  
THE BRITISH IN ARCHANGEL ...

YES, DEAR,  
IT SURE IS A BIG  
COUNTRY !



**FROM MAY 25 TO 30, 1918**, A NUMBER OF TOWNS IN EASTERN RUSSIA WERE TAKEN BY THE MUTINOUS CZECHOSLOVAK CORPS, WHICH CONSISTED OF 50,000 CZECH AND SLOVAK POWS. THEY WERE FORMED INTO A CORPS IN TSARIST RUSSIA TO TAKE PART IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WANTED TO EVACUATE THEM TO THEIR HOMELAND VIA VLADIVOSTOK, SINCE THE WESTERN ROUTE WAS CUT OFF BY THE FRONT.

**AN ILLEGAL MEETING  
AT THE FRENCH MISSION IN MOSCOW**

50,000 ARMED SOLDIERS IN THE BOLSHIEVICS' REAR! WE MUST MAKE USE OF THEM BEFORE THEY DECIDE TO GO OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE REVOLUTION. LET THEM STRIKE THE BOLSHIEVICS FROM THE EAST!

THE CZECH NATIONALISTS HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED MONEY FROM US TO ORGANISE A MUTINY. AND WE'LL RECOGNISE THEIR BOURGEOIS REPUBLIC.



## IN PRAGUE

I'VE HAD A LETTER FROM MY SON IN RUSSIA. HE WRITES THAT HE'S FIGHTING WITH THE RUSSIANS FOR THE NEW SOVIET POWER.

BUT MINE WRITES THAT THEY'VE BEEN CALLED ON TO FIGHT AGAINST THE SOVIETS. WHAT'S GOING ON?

HAVE YOU READ THE PRUKOPNIK SVOBODY? APPARENTLY, OUR BOURGEOISIE HAVE RECEIVED 15 MILLION FROM THE ENTENTE. FOR THIS THEY SOLD OUT OUR LADS TO THE FRENCH AND BRITISH IMPERIALISTS.

MANY OF THE CZECHS AND SLOVAKS REALISED THE ESSENCE OF THE NATIONALISTS' ANTI-SOVIET ACTIONS AND LEFT THE CZECHOSLOVAK CORPS TO JOIN THE RED ARMY.

OUR LETTER WILL PROBABLY BE PRINTED IN THE NEWSPAPER, AND THE RUSSIANS WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE LOTS OF US WHO COULDN'T BE DECEIVED OR BRIBED.

## CZECH SOLDIERS IN RUSSIA

WRITE THIS: TOGETHER WITH OUR RUSSIAN BROTHERS, WE'LL DEFEND THE SOVIET POWER AND NEVER BETRAY IT.

A LETTER FROM A GROUP OF CZECHOSLOVAKS WHO REFUSED TO TAKE PART IN THE MUTINY WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER URALSKY RABOCHY.

**IN A RING  
OF FIRE**

**IN  
SUMMER 1918,  
THREE-QUARTERS  
OF THE TERRITORY  
OF SOVIET RUSSIA WAS IN  
ENEMY HANDS.  
THE REPUBLIC WAS ENCIRCLED  
BY FRONTS.**

PETROGRAD

MOSCOW

**BRITISH,  
AMERICANS  
AND WHITEGUARDS**

**150,000  
INTERVENTIONISTS  
WERE PUTTING DOWN THE  
REVOLUTION IN SIBERIA  
AND THE FAR EAST**

**JAPANESE,  
AMERICANS AND  
KOLCHAK'S MEN**

**BY MID-  
1918,**

THE FOREIGN AND INTERNAL  
ANTI-SOVIET FORCES HAD UNITED  
FOR THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST  
SOVIET RUSSIA.


THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ENEMY REQUIRED  
A CONCENTRATION OF ALL EFFORTS.

**BRITISH TANKS,  
WHITE COSSACKS,  
TURKS**



THE INTERVENTIONISTS INVADED THE TERRITORY  
OF SOVIET RUSSIA, BRINGING A REIGN OF  
**TERROR, VIOLENCE AND ARBITRARY POWER..**

IN THE ARCHANGEL AREA ALONE, ONE INHABITANT  
IN FIVE WAS PUT INTO PRISON  
OR A CONCENTRATION CAMP.



HERE YOU  
CAN FEEL  
QUITE SAFE!

MASS SHOOTINGS OF CIVILIANS ON THE DON.  
THIS IS HOW ONE WITNESS, WHO SURVIVED,  
DESCRIBED THE SCENE.

THESE RUSSIANS JUST DON'T  
UNDERSTAND LAW AND ORDER. I'VE  
ALREADY EXPLAINED: 8 ARE TO GO  
TO BE SHOT, 12 ARE TO WAIT.



DURING THE CIVIL WAR IN THE FAR EAST, THE JAPANESE  
INTERVENTIONISTS BURNED 26-YEAR-OLD SERGEI LAZO,  
BOLSHEVIK AND ORGANISER OF THE LOCAL UNDERGROUND,  
AND TWO OF HIS COMRADES IN A LOCOMOTIVE FLURNACE.

TELL THE NEWSPAPERS  
WE HAVE NO IDEA WHERE  
SERGEI LAZO  
IS AT THE MOMENT.

TRUE, HOW ARE WE  
SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHERE  
THE SOULS OF THE  
BOLSHEVIKS GO?



**AUGUST  
30, 1918,  
MOSCOW**

**THEY'VE  
KILLED  
LENIN?!**



AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON LENIN'S LIFE AT 7 P.M., AFTER A MEETING IN THE YARD OF THE MICHELSON WORKS. HE WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, BUT THE DOCTORS MANAGED TO SAVE HIS LIFE.

THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION NOT ONLY WAGED AN OPEN STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET POWER ON THE FRONT, BUT ALSO ORGANISED ACTS OF TERRORISM DEEP IN THE REAR.

WE SAW LENIN TO THE CAR, THERE WERE THREE SHOTS. TWO BULLETS HIT LENIN, AND THE THIRD - ME.

**POPOVA - PARTICIPANT  
IN THE MEETING**

AND THEN, THREE STEPS AWAY FROM LENIN, I SAW A WOMAN WITH A REVOLVER. I RUSHED FOR HER, BUT SHE THREW THE REVOLVER DOWN AND HID IN THE CROWD...

**GIL - LENIN'S CHAUFFEUR**



WE CAUGHT UP WITH HER AND BROUGHT HER BACK TO THE WORKS. SHE IS BEING INVESTIGATED. WE CAN'T PERMIT MOB LAW.

**BATULIN - PARTICIPANT  
IN THE MEETING**

AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE ON LENIN'S LIFE BY THE 28-YEAR-OLD TERRORIST FAINA KAPLAN. SHE STATED SHE HAD SHOT AT HIM FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

**KAPLAN'S WAS NOT  
THE ONLY ATTEMPT ON  
LENIN'S LIFE**

**EXAMINING  
MAGISTRATE  
TELLS**



THAT SAME DAY, IN PETROGRAD, A TERRORIST KILLED THE EMINENT SOVIET AND PARTY FIGURE URITSKY. BY MEANS OF TERRORISM, THE ENEMY TRIED TO LEAVE SOVIET POWER HEADLESS.

THE ARMY OF THE WORLD'S FIRST SOVIET STATE WAS BUILT UP, NOT UNDER PEACEFUL CONDITIONS BUT UNDER ENEMY FIRE, AND NOT OVER SEVERAL YEARS, BUT IN A VERY SHORT TIME.

I WANTED TO STUDY TO BECOME AN AGRONOMIST.

AND I DREAM OF BECOMING A TEACHER.

I'LL DEFINITELY STUDY TO BE A DOCTOR AFTERWARDS!



THE SOVIETS HAVE DECIDED TO TRAIN THEIR OWN MILITARY LEADERS. AFTER ALL THE OLD MILITARY EXPERTS WON'T JOIN THEM, WILL THEY?

INDEED, THEY ARE FRIGHTENED TO BRING PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS OVER TO THEIR SIDE!



ALL YOUR DREAMS WILL CERTAINLY COME TRUE. BUT FOR THE TIME BEING WE MUST STUDY MILITARY MATTERS.



TO GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF WHICH THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS DREAMED, A WELL-TRAINED ARMY WAS NEEDED. FOR THIS PURPOSE, ARMY SCHOOLS, COURSES AND ACADEMIES WERE SET UP.

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WON OVER FORMER TSARIST MILITARY MEN TO ITS ARMY, TOO.

HOW CAN AN OFFICER WIN THE SOLDIERS' TRUST? BY BEING HONEST, KNOWING HIS BUSINESS, LOVING HIS MEN AND RESPECTING THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY.

**ALL FORMER  
EXPERT OFFICERS  
ARE CALLED  
TO THE BANNER  
TO SET UP  
AN EFFICIENT  
RED ARMY!**

I'M A MILITARY MAN BY CALLING; I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF OUTSIDE THE ARMY, AND I LOVE MY HOMELAND, BUT WILL THEY TRUST US?



A YEAR AFTER THE RED ARMY HAD BEEN FORMED, IT ALREADY INCLUDED ABOUT 35,000 PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS AND GENERALS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY FOUGHT IN THE TSARIST ARMY. MANY EMINENT SOVIET MILITARY LEADERS CAME FROM THEIR RANKS. UNDER THE HARSH CONDITIONS OF THE SUMMER AND AUTUMN OF 1918, THE YOUNG RED ARMY WON ITS FIRST VICTORIES.

THE TIMES WERE SUCH THAT YESTERDAY'S  
**WORKERS, PEASANTS AND PRIVATE SOLDIERS**  
**BECAME GENERALS.**

THE NAMES OF MANY OF THEM BECAME LEGENDARY.



EMINENT MILITARY LEADER, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, MIKHAIL FRUNZE WAS BORN INTO THE FAMILY OF AN ARMY DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT. A PROFESSIONAL REVOLUTIONARY. DURING THE CIVIL WAR COMMANDED THE ARMY AND THE FRONTS.



A TALENTED MILITARY LEADER, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, VASILY CHAPAYEV WAS BORN INTO A POOR PEASANT FAMILY, TOOK PART IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR, WAS AWARDED THREE ST. GEORGE CROSSES FOR COURAGE (THE HIGHEST MILITARY HONOUR IN TSARIST RUSSIA). DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE DIVISION HE COMMANDED WON SEVERAL BRILLIANT VICTORIES OVER LEADING WHITE ARMY UNITS.

DON'T WORRY, COMRADE COMMANDER.  
I'LL WAIT FOR THE NURSE...

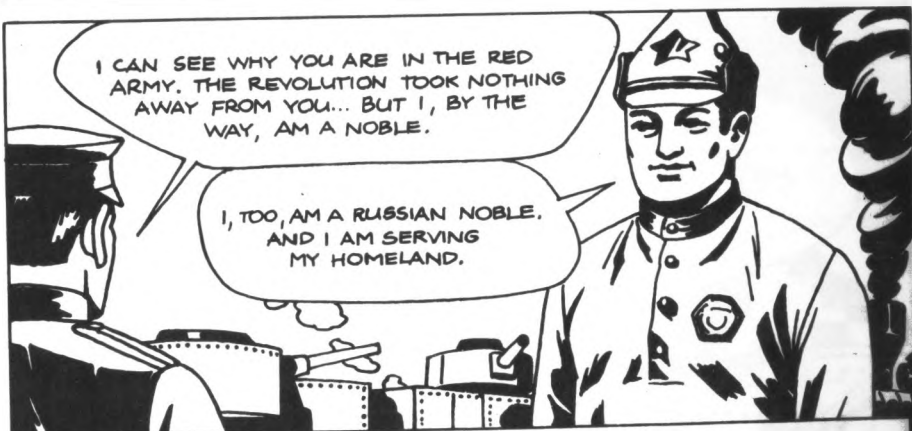
BUT THIS IS MY  
TRUE PROFESSION,  
AFTER ALL. I'M BETTER  
AT BANDAGING THAN  
ANY OF THE NURSES.



THE COMMANDER OF THE UNITED PARTISAN DETACHMENT  
IN 1918, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR, NIKOLAI SHCHORS WAS BORN  
INTO THE FAMILY OF A RAILWAY-ENGINE DRIVER.  
DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR A FIELD DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT  
(LATER, A JUNIOR OFFICER), KILLED IN 1919 FIGHTING FOR SOVIET  
POWER, AT THE AGE OF 24.

I CAN SEE WHY YOU ARE IN THE RED  
ARMY. THE REVOLUTION TOOK NOTHING  
AWAY FROM YOU... BUT I, BY THE  
WAY, AM A NOBLE.

I, TOO, AM A RUSSIAN NOBLE.  
AND I AM SERVING  
MY HOMELAND.



SOVIET MILITARY LEADER, HERO OF THE CIVIL WAR,  
MIKHAIL TUKHACHEVSKY, A NOBLE BY BIRTH.  
DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR AN OFFICER IN THE TSARIST ARMY.  
FROM 1918, IN THE RED ARMY.

THE TIMES WERE SUCH THAT ALL TRUE PATRIOTS,  
REGARDLESS OF SOCIAL ORIGIN,  
**WENT TO DEFEND THE HOMELAND  
TOGETHER WITH THEIR PEOPLE.**





### ***LONDON PORT. DOCKERS ON STRIKE***

COMRADES, WE MUST HELP OUR RUSSIAN BROTHERS! WE'LL STAY ON STRIKE UNTIL THEY TAKE ALL THIS AWAY FROM HERE!

NOT A SINGLE WEAPON WILL LEAVE FOR RUSSIA FROM OUR PORT.



**USA**



*A CLEAR EXAMPLE OF SOLIDARITY WAS THE SETTING UP OF INTERNATIONAL DETACHMENTS THAT FOUGHT IN RUSSIA AGAINST THE INTERVENTIONISTS AND WHITEGUARDS.*

NOW YOU ARE ALL SOLDIERS OF THE RED ARMY. YOU COME FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. WILL YOU UNDERSTAND BATTLE COMMANDS IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE ?

WE'LL UNDERSTAND, COMRADE COMMANDER ! WE ALL SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE NOW - THE LANGUAGE OF REVOLUTION.



THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION  
ARRIVED.

**PETROGRAD, NOVEMBER 7, 1918** (NEW STYLE)

THE SOVIETS ARE ALREADY  
CUT OFF FROM THE FOOD,  
RAW MATERIAL  
AND FUEL REGIONS.

LET'S SEE HOW  
THEY SURVIVE WITHOUT  
UKRAINIAN GRAIN  
AND MEAT, WITHOUT  
BAKU'S OIL...

... WITHOUT DONETS COAL AND  
TURKESTAN COTTON.  
40 P.C. OF THE FACTORIES  
ARE STANDING IDLE, SO THERE  
WON'T BE ANY SECOND  
ANNIVERSARY OF THIS POWER!

THESE SHOPKEEPERS  
HAVE GONE WILD!  
I'VE JUST HAD TO GIVE A FINE  
WOOL HEADSCARF FOR A POUND  
OF BLACK BREAD! YOUR  
HUSBAND'S ON THE SOVIET, WHY  
DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT?

MY HUSBAND SAYS  
THAT, IN A COUPLE OF  
WEEKS, PRIVATE TRADE  
WILL BE ABOLISHED, AND  
FOOD WILL BE  
DISTRIBUTED FAIRLY  
AMONG THE WORKING  
PEOPLE.

THAT'S RIGHT!  
THAT'S THE ONLY  
WAY AT TIMES  
LIKE THIS!


I'VE JUST COME FROM  
THE NORTHERN FRONT.  
WE'VE MANAGED TO STOP  
THE INTERVENTIONISTS AND  
WHITEGUARDS FROM  
ADVANCING.

IN THE SOUTH  
WE'RE STILL HAVING  
TROUBLE. THE OFFENSIVE  
ON THE DON WAS REBUFFED,  
OUR 11TH ARMY WAS  
CRUSHED IN THE NORTH  
CAUCASUS.

IN SPITE OF THE SERIOUS MILITARY SITUATION, THE RUIN,  
HUNGER AND ENEMY INTRIGUES,  
**SOVIET POWER SURVIVED  
AND CONTINUED TO FIGHT.**

LONG LIVE  
THE FIRST  
ANNIVERSARY  
OF  
OCTOBER!

## TWO DAYS LATER, IN GERMANY



THE DEVIL! WHERE AM I ? A YEAR AGO I ESCAPED FROM ALL THIS IN RUSSIA, LEAVING MY FACTORIES BEHIND. WHAT'S THE KAISER UP TO ?


YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW ? AT MID-DAY TODAY OUR KAISER ABDICATED !

ALL POWER  
TO THE  
SOVIETS !

LONG LIVE  
THE SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC !

IN NOVEMBER 1918, REVOLUTION SHOOK GERMANY. THE MONARCHY FELL. BUT THE REACTIONARIES WERE STRONG AND, IN MAY 1919, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC WAS DROWNED IN BLOOD AND A BOURGEOIS REPUBLIC ESTABLISHED.

## RUSSIA



LATEST NEWS !  
REVOLUTION IN HUNGARY !  
WORLD REVOLUTION  
SOON !

ON MARCH 21, 1919, IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF REVOLUTIONARY FERVOUR THAT ENVELOPED HUNGARY UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION IN RUSSIA, THE HUNGARIAN SOVIET REPUBLIC WAS DECLARED. IT LASTED UNTIL AUGUST 1, 1919.

## FRANCE.

IN A RAILWAY-CARRIAGE IN THE FOREST OF COMPIÈGNE  
THE ENTENTE COUNTRIES AND GERMANY SIGNED AN  
ARMISTICE.

IN FACE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY DANGER,  
WE MUST FORGET THAT WE WERE ENEMIES IN THIS  
WAR. WE PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE TO YOU.  
GERMANY MUST WITHDRAW HER TROOPS  
FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IN THE WEST.  
YOU NEED THEM MORE TO RESTORE  
ORDER AT HOME.

ON NO  
ACCOUNT WITHDRAW  
FROM RUSSIAN  
TERRITORY !

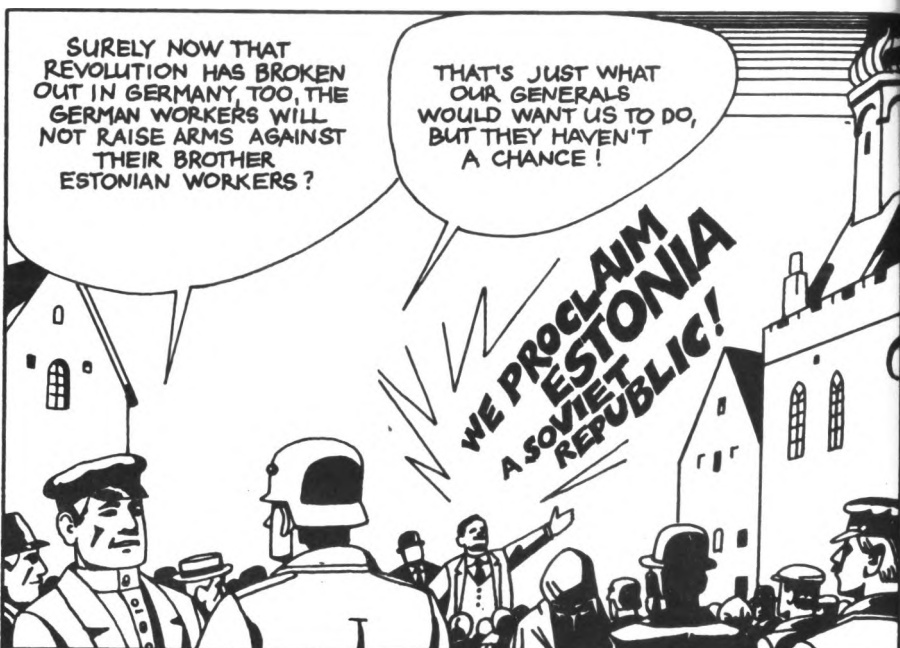


**ON NOVEMBER 11, 1918**

AN ARMISTICE WAS CONCLUDED BETWEEN GERMANY AND  
THE ENTENTE.

**THE WORLD WAR WAS OVER**

THE EVENTS OF THE AUTUMN OF 1918 CHANGED THE INTER-  
NATIONAL SITUATION CONSIDERABLY AND THIS NATURALLY  
AFFECTED THE POSITION OF SOVIET RUSSIA.



AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 1918, THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA WAS FORMED, AND IN DECEMBER SOVIET POWER WAS DECLARED IN LATVIA AND LITHUANIA.  
ON JANUARY 1, 1919 THE PROVISIONAL SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF BYELORUSSIA WAS FORMED.



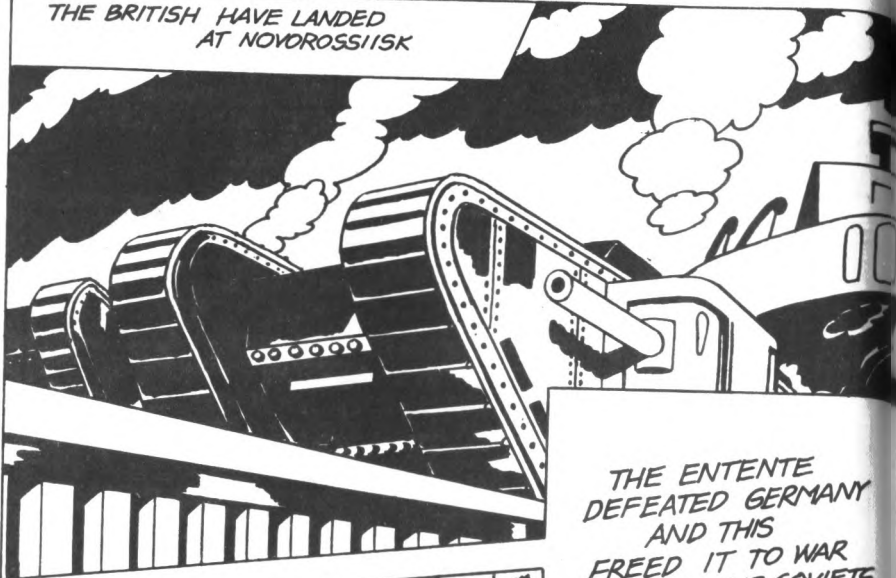
## **ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 15, 1918,**

ANGLO-FRENCH WARSHIPS ENTERED THE BLACK SEA AND HEADED FOR THE SHORES OF RUSSIA.

THEY WERE FOLLOWED THROUGH THE DARDANELLES AND THE BOSPHORUS BY TRANSPORTS WITH TROOPS, ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THUS THE ENTENTE "REPLACED" GERMANY, WHICH HAD BEEN SEIZED BY REVOLUTION, IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET POWER.



THE BRITISH HAVE LANDED  
AT NOVOROSHIISK



THE ENTENTE  
DEFEATED GERMANY  
AND THIS  
FREED IT TO WAR  
AGAINST THE SOVIETS  
WITH LARGE  
FORCES.

FRENCH TROOPS  
OCCUPIED ODESSA  
AND SEVASTOPOL

WHAT THE DEVIL?  
I JUST DROPPED OFF FOR  
TEN MINUTES, AND  
I WAKE UP IN  
MARSEILLES.

DON'T WORRY, MONSIEUR,  
THIS ISN'T MARSEILLES.  
IT'S WE WHO ARE  
IN ODESSA.



THE RED ARMY HASN'T GOT ANY TANKS LIKE  
THOSE. TRY DEALING WITH SUCH A MONSTER!

NO, THEY CRAWL ACROSS  
THE GROUND, AND  
CAN FIRE, TOO.

DADDY, WHAT ARE  
THOSE ANIMALS? THEY'RE  
MADE OF IRON...  
DO THEY SWIM  
IN THE SEA?



**FROM  
NOVEMBER  
22 TO 27,  
1918...**

THEY'VE TAKEN  
THE BOLSHIEVIKS!  
IS THIS REALLY  
THE END?!

NO!  
WE'LL CONTINUE  
FIGHTING  
UNDERGROUND!



BRITISH AND  
FRENCH SOLDIERS ARE  
WORKERS AND PEASANTS,  
TOO, AFTER ALL.  
SURELY THEY REALISE  
WHO THEY'RE FIGHTING  
AGAINST!...





# REVOLUTIONARY DISTURBANCES BEGAN

AMONG  
THE INTERVENTIONIST  
TROOPS

IN THE QUARRIES  
NEAR ODESSA



COMRADES,  
I WANT YOU TO MEET  
OUR FRENCH  
FRIENDS.

WE WILL LET OUR  
SAILORS KNOW THE TRUTH.  
OUR COMMON TASK  
IS TO PUT AN END  
TO THE MILITARY  
INTERVENTION  
AGAINST SOVIET  
RUSSIA.

THE UNDERGROUND BOLSHEVIK COMMITTEE SET UP IN ODESSA  
A "FOREIGN COLLEGIUM" TO CARRY ON AGITATION WORK AMONG  
THE FRENCH AND OTHER SOLDIERS.

ODESSA.  
FRENCH COUNTER-  
INTELLIGENCE

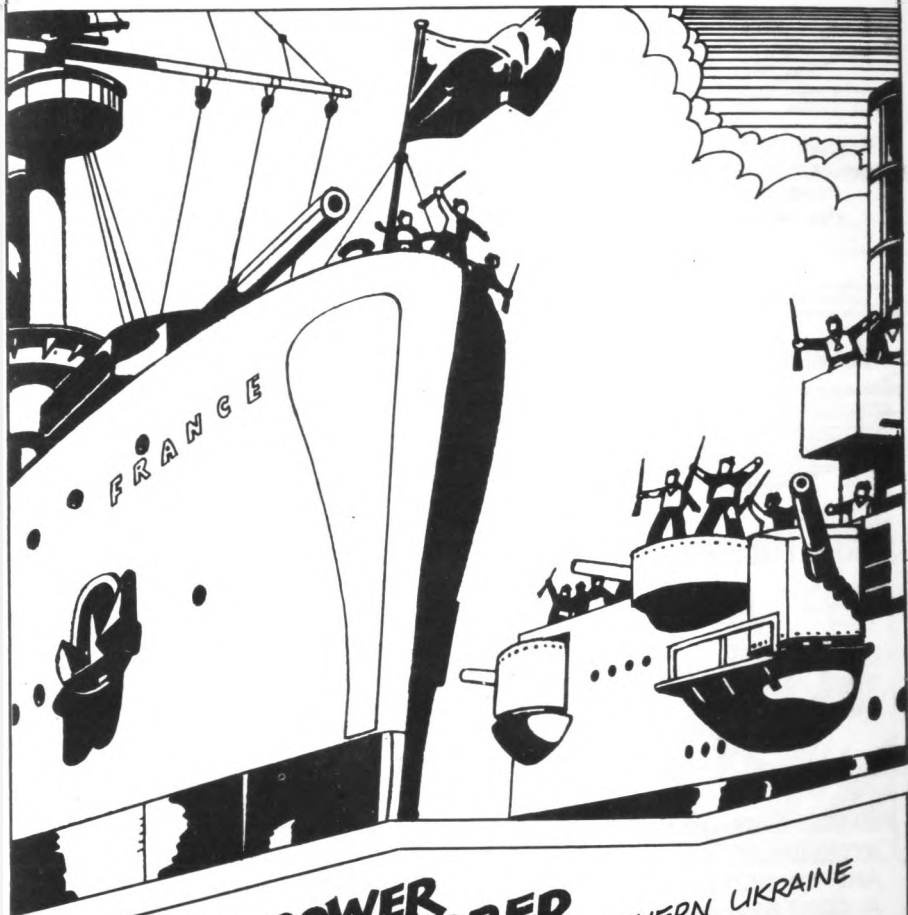


YOU'LL BE SHOT TOGETHER WITH  
THE RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKS. I JUST  
DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU,  
A FRENCHWOMAN, COULD  
VOLUNTARILY CHOOSE  
SUCH A FATE.

MANY UNDERGROUND COMMUNISTS, INCLUDING THE FRENCH-  
WOMAN JEANNE LABOURBE, ORGANISER AND SECRETARY OF  
THE FRENCH COMMUNIST GROUP IN MOSCOW, AN ORGANISER  
OF THE "FOREIGN COLLEGIUM" IN ODESSA, WERE SEIZED BY  
THE INTERVENTIONISTS, TORTURED AND SHOT.

THE ATTEMPTS TO SUPPRESS THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT WERE IN VAIN. A MUTINY BROKE OUT AMONG THE SAILORS OF THE FRENCH SQUADRON.

THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT ALARMED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SO MUCH THAT IT HAD TO RECALL ITS TROOPS FROM RUSSIA. SOON AFTERWARDS, THE BRITISH TROOPS WITHDREW FROM THE REGIONS OF THE CASPIAN.



**SOVIET POWER  
WAS RESTORED**  
IN THE SOUTHERN UKRAINE  
AND  
THE CRIMEA.

**THE YEAR 1919**

THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT  
BEGAN  
WITH NEW PEACE  
PROPOSALS

THAT'S NO NEWS!  
WE OFFERED THEM  
PEACE IN NOVEMBER,  
AND DECEMBER, BUT THEY  
REMAIN SILENT AND  
CONTINUE  
THE INTERVENTION!

BUT IF THERE'S  
ANY CHANCE  
OF STOPPING  
THE BLOODSHED,  
WE MUST TAKE IT.

HEAR THE LATEST!  
SOVIET RUSSIA OFFERS  
THE ENTENTE  
AN ARMISTICE!

**LONDON**

CALM DOWN, GENTLEMEN!  
WE HAVE JUST INVITED  
THE BOLSHIEVICS TO ATTEND  
A PEACE CONFERENCE.  
YOU'LL SEE, THEY'LL REFUSE!

**END THE SHAMEFUL WAR  
AGAINST  
SOVIET  
RUSSIA!**

THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PUT THE INTERNATIONAL PROLETARIAT OFF ITS GUARD AND TO PRETEND TO BE ON THE SIDE OF PEACE, MOVED A PLAN FOR A CONFERENCE TO BE CONVENED IN FEBRUARY 1919 ON THE PRINCES' ISLANDS AND ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS OPERATING IN RUSSIA.

CUNNING !  
THEY OFFER THE SOVIETS  
PEACE WHEN THE RED  
ARMY IS ADVANCING  
ON ALL FRONTS !

THE SOVIETS WON'T GO TO  
THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND  
EVERYONE WILL SEE  
THEY DON'T WANT  
AN ARMISTICE.



EVEN SO, THE IMPERIALISTS' PLANS FELL THROUGH. THE SOVIET  
GOVERNMENT AGREED TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE PRINCES'  
ISLANDS.

THE ENTENTE REPRESENTATIVES IN CONFERENCE.

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO, GENTLEMEN ?  
THE BOLSHEVIKS HAVE AGREED TO NEGOTIATE  
AND, WHAT'S MORE, ARE WILLING TO  
MAKE CERTAIN CONCESSIONS.

NO PEACE !  
NO CONFERENCE !  
LET OUR CANNON SPEAK  
TO THE SOVIETS !



**IN SPRING 1919**, THE ENTENTE LAUNCHED A NEW  
OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE YOUNG SOVIET STATE. THAT IS HOW  
INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM REPLIED TO THE PEACE PROPOSALS  
MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF RUSSIA.

WHERE ARE YOU OFF TO? I'M GOING NORTH!  
THE ENGLISH AND THE AMERICANS  
ARE ATTACKING UP THERE.

I'M OFF SOUTH,  
TO FIGHT AGAINST  
DENIKIN!

**IN SPRING 1919,**  
THE ENTENTE  
UNITED THE FORCES  
OF INTERNAL COUNTER-  
REVOLUTION AND THE  
INTERVENTIONISTS.  
SOVIET RUSSIA  
WAS FIGHTING  
ON SEVERAL FRONTS  
AT ONCE.

GENERAL DENIKIN, ENGLISH  
GENERALS, ADMIRAL KOLCHAK

I'M OFFENDED,  
ENGLISH GENTLEMEN.  
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE  
TO DECLARE KOLCHAK  
SUPREME RULER  
OF RUSSIA?

WHY ARGUE?  
WE'LL JOIN UP ON THE  
VOLGA AND THEN SORT  
THINGS OUT.

**THE ENTENTE  
HELPED  
ADMIRAL KOLCHAK**

CREATE A WELL-EQUIPPED  
400,000-STRONG ARMY IN THE  
EAST OF THE COUNTRY.  
IT POSED A MAJOR  
THREAT TO THE  
SOVIET STATE.

I'M GOING EAST,  
TO LIBERATE  
THE URALS  
FROM KOLCHAK!

AND ME, I'M GOING TO THE  
WEST. GERMANS, WHITE-  
GUARDS AND BRITISH  
WARSHIPS ARE ALL  
CONVERGING ON THE  
BALTIC STATES!

**IN MAY 1919,**  
WHEN KOLCHAK'S TROOPS WERE  
ROUTED BY THE RED ARMY  
IN THE EAST,  
YUDENICH'S ARMY  
LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE  
ON PETROGRAD. IT WAS  
HALTED BY THE RED ARMY  
AND THE ENEMY WAS  
REPULSED FROM  
THE CITY.

**IN SUMMER 1919,**  
A MIGHTY FORCE FORMED  
IN KOLCHAK'S REAR—  
THE PEASANT PARTISAN  
MOVEMENT IN SIBERIA  
AND THE FAR EAST.

THAT'S WHERE  
WE'LL MEET HIM!

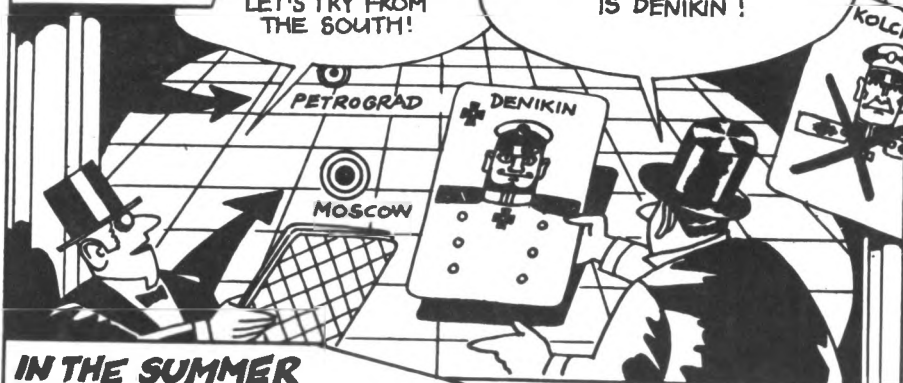
AH, THE RED  
ARMY GAVE  
KOLCHAK A GOOD ONE  
IN THE URALS.  
AND NOW IT'S  
DRIVING EAST!

**KOLCHAK'S  
ARMY WAS CRUSHED**  
BY THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF  
THE RED ARMY AND THE PARTISANS.  
DECISIVE VICTORIES  
WERE WON OVER  
THE INTERVENTIONISTS  
IN THE NORTH  
OF THE COUNTRY.

THEY ARE  
PLAYING  
FOR RUSSIA

IT DIDN'T COME OFF IN THE EAST—  
LET'S TRY FROM  
THE SOUTH!

KOLCHAK IS CRUSHED!  
NOW OUR TRUMP CARD  
IS DENIKIN!



**IN THE SUMMER  
OF 1919,**

WITH BROAD MILITARY SUPPORT  
FROM THE ENTENTE AND THE USA,  
DENIKIN'S ARMY LAUNCHED AN OFFENSIVE ALONG THE  
ENTIRE SOUTHERN FRONT.

WHILE DENIKIN LED THE ATTACK ON MOSCOW,  
100,000 TROOPS FROM BOURGEOIS POLAND WERE ADVANCING  
FROM THE WEST.

YUDENICH DROVE TOWARDS PETROGRAD AGAIN.

**A MUNITIONS FACTORY  
IN ENGLAND**

THE SOVIET TRADES UNIONS  
ASKED US FOR HELP IN STOPPING  
THE INTERVENTION.  
OUR WEAPON IS TO STRIKE!  
THE TANKS WILL NEVER GET  
TO RUSSIA!



**JULY 3, 1919**

RIGHT!  
I THINK WE'LL BE IN MOSCOW  
IN A WEEK, GENTLEMEN!  
I CAN ALREADY HEAR THE  
BELLS RINGING!

**THAT IS HOW HE BEGAN**

RIGHT!  
I THINK WE'LL BE  
ABROAD,  
IN CONSTANTINOPLE,  
IN A WEEK.  
AND NO BELLS!

**APRIL 4,  
1920**

A TRULY  
POPULAR WAR BROKE OUT  
AT THE FRONT AND BEHIND ENEMY  
LINES AGAINST THE FOREIGN INTERVEN-  
TIONISTS AND THE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARIES.

THE RED ARMY WAS GREATLY ASSISTED BY  
UNDERGROUND ORGANISATIONS AND PARTISAN GROUPS.

THE WORKING CLASS OF BRITAIN, FRANCE, NORWAY AND  
OTHER COUNTRIES RESPONDED WARMLY TO THEIR RUSSIAN CLASS  
BROTHERS' CALL TO HALT THE INTERVENTION.

**THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE  
ENTENTE COUNTRIES WERE COMPELLED,  
EARLY IN 1920, TO WITHDRAW THEIR  
TROOPS FROM THE SOVIET COUNTRY.**



AND YET THE IMPERIALISTS STILL HOPED TO CRUSH  
SOVIET RUSSIA BY MILITARY MIGHT.

**IN APRIL 1920...**



AS LENIN GRAPHICALLY PUT IT, BOURGEOIS LANDLORD  
POLAND AND BARON WRANGEL WERE THE TWO HANDS OF  
INTERNATIONAL IMPERIALISM.

*THE POLISH ARMY INVADED THE TERRITORY OF THE  
SOVIET UKRAINE AND OCCUPIED KIEV.*



THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOLSHEVIK PARTY  
DECLARED AT THIS TIME :

"THE DEFEAT OF THE POLISH WHITE GUARD THAT HAS  
ATTACKED US WILL NOT CHANGE ONE IOTA OUR ATTITUDE  
TOWARDS POLAND'S INDEPENDENCE."

BARON, THE REDS HAVE  
CROSSED THE SIVASH BAY.  
THEY'RE IN OUR REAR!

IMPOSSIBLE!  
ONLY JESUS HIMSELF  
COULD WALK ON WATER!



THE RED ARMY CROSSED SIVASH AT NIGHT, AT LOW TIDE,  
THEREBY REACHING THE ENEMY'S REAR.

IMPREGNABLE FORTIFICATIONS  
OF THE ENEMY WERE TAKEN.

THE ARMY OF  
BARON WRANGEL  
WAS ROUTED.

THE VICTORY OVER WRANGEL  
AND BOURGEOIS POLAND MEANT  
THE TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE  
ENTENTE'S ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY  
SOVIET POWER IN RUSSIA

**BY 1921, THE CIVIL WAR WAS  
VIRTUALLY OVER.**

THE IMPERIALISTS HAD THE MONEY, WEAPONS, AND ARMIES, BUT THEY STILL COULDN'T WIN.

NEITHER TANKS NOR AIRCRAFT COULD DO IT. IT'S JUST A MIRACLE!

YOU KNOW WHAT LENIN WROTE ABOUT THAT MIRACLE: "A NATION IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF THE WORKERS AND PEASANTS ... SEE THAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR... THE RULE OF THE WORKING PEOPLE, FOR THE CAUSE WHOSE VICTORY WILL ENSURE THEM AND THEIR CHILDREN ALL THE BENEFITS OF CULTURE, OF ALL THAT HAS BEEN CREATED BY HUMAN LABOUR - SUCH A NATION CAN NEVER BE VANQUISHED."

THEY SAY THERE'S NO BREAD IN THE TOWN - PEOPLE ARE SWELLING UP FROM HUNGER!

AND WHERE ARE WE SUPPOSED TO GET IT FROM? THERE'S NOTHING TO SOW, NO HORSES, AND YOU'RE THE ONLY MAN LEFT IN THE WHOLE VILLAGE...

THE RUSSIAN COUNTRYSIDE HAD LOST MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF MEN BY THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR.

THE VOLUME OF OUTPUT OF LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRY IN 1920 WAS 13.8 PER CENT OF THAT OF 1913. DURING THE WAR, RUSSIA LOST A THIRD OF HER TOTAL PREWAR GOLD RESERVES.

UNTIL WE PROVIDE THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH GOODS AND MACHINES, IT WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE US ANY BREAD!

IT'S DIFFICULT TO MAKE A START, BUT WE'VE GOT TO START SOMEWHERE.

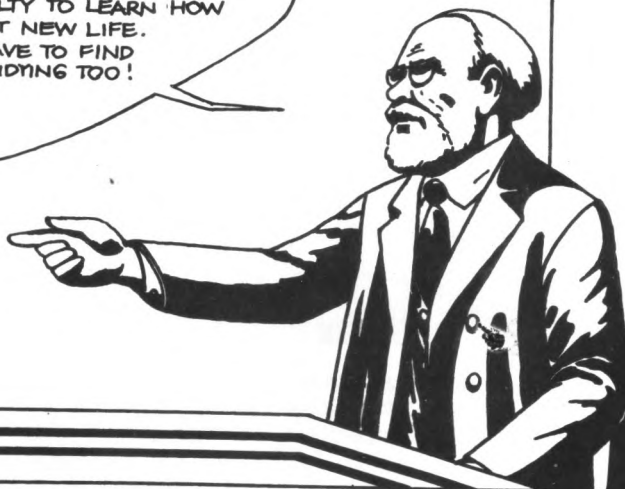
THE BUILDING OF SOCIALISM IN THE COUNTRY BEGAN UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT CONDITIONS, WITH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE JAPANESE OCCUPYING FORCES STILL BEING WAGED IN THE FAR EAST AND MUTINIES OF REMAINING WHITEGUARDS AND LOCAL NATIONALISTS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER THE PLACE IN CENTRAL ASIA AND THE TRANSCAUCASUS. THE 7 YEARS OF IMPERIALIST AND CIVIL WARS HAD BROUGHT TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC DESTRUCTION.

WE'RE NO GOOD AS STUDENTS.  
LET US GO, PROFESSOR,  
WE'VE GOT A NEW LIFE TO BUILD!  
NO TIME  
FOR STUDYING!

AT THE WORKERS' FACULTY.



YOU'VE BEEN SENT TO THE  
WORKERS' FACULTY TO LEARN HOW  
TO BUILD THAT NEW LIFE.  
SO YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND  
TIME FOR STUDYING TOO!



**IN 1921** THERE WERE ALREADY **244** HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE COUNTRY, AGAINST 91 IN 1915, AND **13,000** NEW SCHOOLS HAD BEEN OPENED. LOCAL LANGUAGES BEGAN TO BE USED IN SCHOOLS, WHERE PUPILS STUDIED FREE OF CHARGE.

ON  
**OCTOBER 6, 1920,**  
THE WELL-KNOWN ENGLISH SCIENCE  
FICTION WRITER H.G. WELLS  
MET LENIN  
IN MOSCOW.

ELECTRIFICATION  
OF RUSSIA WHEN IT'S IN SUCH A RUIN?  
YOU'RE EVEN MORE OF A FANTASIST  
THAN I AM, SIR!

THE PLAN FOR THE  
ELECTRIFICATION OF RUSSIA  
(GOELRO PLAN)

YOU JUST  
COME BACK TO VISIT US  
IN A FEW YEARS!

THE GRAND PLANS FOR BUILDING SOCIALISM SEEMED  
IMPOSSIBLE TO MANY PEOPLE AT THAT TIME. TIME SHOWED THEM  
THAT THE COUNTRY, WHICH HAD CARRIED OUT A GREAT  
REVOLUTION, WAS ALSO CAPABLE OF GREAT FEATS  
IN THE ECONOMY AND CULTURAL LIFE.

WE SAY  
GOODBYE NOW  
**TO MOSCOW  
IN 1922,**

THE YEAR  
**WHEN...**

...THE LAST SPOTS OF CIVIL WAR  
WERE WIPED OUT.

**THE REVOLUTION  
HAD DEFENDED  
ITSELF...**

AH, NOW LIFE REALLY BEGINS.  
IF ONLY WE COULD LOOK AHEAD TO,  
SAY, 1985... WHAT WILL THEY BE  
LIKE, THE PEOPLE  
OF THE SOCIALIST FUTURE ?!

AND TODAY  
IS ALSO SPECIAL -  
A BIRTHDAY

HERE THEY ARE -  
- OUR CHILDREN -  
THEY ARE THE PEOPLE  
OF THAT FUTURE !

THE BIRTHDAY  
OF OUR STATE .

HURRAH !  
TOMORROW  
IS NEW  
YEAR !



... AT A CONFERENCE  
OF 34 COUNTRIES  
IN GENOA  
**THE SOVIET  
DELEGATION CAME OUT  
WITH A PROGRAMME  
FOR UNIVERSAL  
DISARMAMENT  
AND CONSOLIDATION  
OF PEACE**

SOVIET RUSSIA  
TOOK ITS FIRST STEPS  
IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA...

... IN MOSCOW,  
THE PLENIPOTENTIARY  
DELEGATES OF THE  
SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS

**SIGNED  
AN AGREEMENT  
ON THE  
FORMATION  
OF A SINGLE  
STATE - THE USSR**

THE CREATION  
OF THIS STATE  
WAS THE CULMINATION  
OF THE  
RUSSIAN  
REVOLUTION  
OF **1917**

DADDY,  
WHEN I GROW UP,  
CAN I BE A PILOT ?

YOU'LL FLY RIGHT  
TO THE STARS, SON !





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THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION, WITH THE AIM  
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**WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED -**  
BY THE AUTHORS OF THE TEXT YELENA DOBROVOLSKAYA  
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**When in October 1917, the Soviets, led by the Bolsheviks, became the government, the so-called experts on Russia, journalists, publicists, historians and socialists, declared "it will not last, at most a month or two!" But we, knowing the Soviet people, declared that revolution would increasingly rally the masses to their government. Life has proved us right...**

Albert R. Williams, American writer and journalist

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